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Campaign 2002 heads into the final month with progress, challenges for LP candidates

By Bill Winter
LP NEWS EDITOR

The LP is surging into the November 5 elections with a record number of Libertarians on the ballot, a mixed record of successes and failures in the debates over debates, and a number of "star" candidates poised to have a major impact in their races.

In all, about 1,600 Libertarians are running for public office in 49 states — a new record for the party.

Included in that number are 219 candidates for U.S. House, which makes this the second consecutive election the LP has contested a majority of U.S. House seats.

"In the past 80 years, a third party has contested a majority of U.S. House seats only twice — and both times, it's been the Libertarian Party," said Political Director Ron Crickenberger. "We can be proud of that achievement."

High-stakes battle

Over the past month, a number of campaigns around the USA have been waging high-stakes battles to try to get into televised debates, with some notable victories and defeats:

■ In Wisconsin, gubernatorial



■ Wisconsin LP gubernatorial candidate Ed Thompson, shown here signing an anti-tax pledge earlier in the campaign, was one of the Libertarian candidates kept out of debates with the Republican and Democratic opponents. (See related story on this page.) Numerous other Libertarians were invited to participate in televised debates.

candidate Ed Thompson lost an appeal to be included in the first debate in the state. However, he may be allowed to participate in subsequent debates. "I want an equal shot to be heard by everyone in Wisconsin," said Thompson.

■ In Massachusetts, lobbying efforts by supporters of gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell landed her in two debates, the first on October 8.

■ In Kansas, gubernatorial candidate Dennis Hawver crashed an October 8 debate in Lake Quivara be-

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tween the Republican and Democrat when he wasn't invited. "Wait a minute," yelled Hawver. "I'm on the ballot here." He was given two minutes to make a closing statement.

■ In Illinois, gubernatorial candidate Cal Skinner was locked out of the debates after the Republican and Democrat refused to allow the Illinois League of Women Voters (LWV) to sponsor the debate. The LWV had invited Skinner to participate.

■ In New York, gubernatorial candidate Scott Jeffrey was invited to a six-way debate with all the ballot-qualified candidates on October 13. "This is a rare opportunity for an alternative voice to be heard," he said.

■ In Iowa, supporters of gubernatorial candidate Clyde Cleveland held a protest on October 12 after the Libertarian was excluded from the *Des Moines Register's* televised debate.

■ In New Hampshire, gubernatorial candidate John Babiarz participated in a three-way debate broadcast by N.H. Public Television.

■ In Oregon, gubernatorial candidate Tom Cox was invited to participate in four of seven scheduled debates with his Republican and Democratic opponents.

"Is he a coward?"

■ In Colorado, U.S. House candidate (District 5) Biff Baker held a press conference on October 4, protesting incumbent Joel Hefley's refusal to debate him. "Is Joel Hefley afraid?" he asked. "Is he a coward?"

■ In Colorado, gubernatorial candidate Ralph Schnelvar was excluded from the first debate between Bill Owens and Rollee Heath.

■ In Texas, gubernatorial candidate Jeff Daiell scheduled a debate at the University of Texas with Green Party contender Rahul Mahajan on October 11, after the Republican and Democrat refused the debate. "Unlike other debates being held in Texas, See **ELECTION 2002** Page 17

Candidate calendar raises eyebrows, blood pressure

Their turn-ons are a free-market economy, the Bill of Rights, and Ludwig von Mises.

Their turn-offs are government regulations, Republicans and Democrats, and high taxes.

They are the 12 Libertarian women — six of whom are seeking public office this November — posing in lingerie and other skimpy attire in the new North Carolina Ladies of Liberty calendar.

The sweetly immodest project has unexpectedly turned into a national news story, complete with TV coverage and fawning comments from James Carville.

However, the calendar was origi-

nally designed to do nothing more than raise money for her Libertarian campaign, said Rachel Mills, who is running for North Carolina House (District 31).

Creative funding

"When the powers-that-be absorb all the funds you raise in ballot access and petitioning expenses, you have to get really creative with how you fund your bid for office," she said.

Mills is hoping to sell 2,000 copies of the calendar and raise about \$30,000 for her campaign.

Mills, 27, said she decided to cre-

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■ Libertarian candidate and calendar "pinup" model Rachel Mills: "The Libertarian Party has some righteous babes!"

Ed Thompson kept out of first televised debate

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ed Thompson for governor campaign in Wisconsin suffered a serious setback as it headed into the final month of campaigning when the State Board of Elections (SBOE) refused to include the Libertarian candidate in a televised debate.

On October 4, the SBOE unanimously rejected Thompson's claim against the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association (WBA), the organization sponsoring the event. Thompson had argued that the debate was an "illegal campaign contribution" to the

major party candidates.

As a result, Thompson was denied the opportunity to speak directly to Wisconsin voters at the first televised meeting between his major rivals, Democrat Jim Doyle and Republican Scott McCallum.

Good argument

"We're really disappointed with that decision because we thought we had made a good argument for Ed's inclusion," said Josh Morby, Thompson's media director.

The Thompson campaign had filed the complaint with the SBOE on September 30 in Madison, arguing that See **THOMPSON** Page 17

NEWS BRIEFS

Libertarian pushes for Arizona stadium vote

An Arizona Libertarian activist wants to make sure local voters have the power to decide whether a tax-funded sports stadium will be built in Glendale.

Ernest Hancock, a member of the Western Libertarian Alliance, said he will collect signatures to put a referendum on the ballot to decide the fate of a \$350 million stadium for the Arizona Cardinals professional football team.

However, given the popularity of football, Hancock said he wasn't sure how the vote might go. "The biggest issue is that we don't know [what voters will decide]," he said.

In late August, the Arizona Tourism and Sports Authority voted to build the stadium in Glendale, a city about 10 miles outside of Phoenix.

The Glendale city council then signed an agreement with the state to build the stadium by the 2005 football season. While the state will pay for the stadium, Glendale promised to spend \$48 million for parking, roads, and other related projects.

The town said that since the agreement is a contract, not a "policy-setting decision," it is not subject to a referendum.

But Hancock said he was prepared to take the city to court if it tries to block the referendum.

"If we file the referendum, [city politicians will] tell us it's not referable," he said. "Then there'd be a standing to file a lawsuit."

If Hancock collects the required 1,300 petition signatures to qualify the referendum, city officials said they wouldn't schedule the vote until May 2004 — well into the construction process.

Psychohistorical Crisis wins SF book award

Psychohistorical Crisis — a libertarian critique of Isaac Asimov's legendary Foundation series — has won this year's Prometheus Award for the best libertarian science fiction novel.

The award was announced by the Libertarian Futurist Society (LFS) on August 30 at the Worldcon science fiction convention in San Jose, California.

Psychohistorical Crisis, written by Donald Kingsbury and published by Tor Books, takes place in the universe of Isaac Asimov's Foundation trilogy.

"It is an implicitly libertarian critique of Asimov's books, especially their determinism and political centralization," said LFS head Michael Grossberg. "The story is a clever, complex, suspenseful, and insightful dramatization of the limits of centralized knowledge."

The runners-up for the 2002 Prometheus Award included *Falling Stars* by Michael Flynn; *Enemy Glory* by Karen Michalson; *The American Zone* by L. Neil Smith; and *Hosts* by F. Paul Wilson.

Also winning this year was Patrick McGoochan, who won the Best Classic Fiction award for the TV series *The Prisoner*.

The Prometheus awards honor "outstanding science fiction/fantasy that explores the possibilities of a free future, champions human rights (including personal and economic liberty), dramatizes the perennial conflict between individuals and coercive governments, or critiques the tragic consequences of abuse of power," said Grossberg.

For information about the LFS, visit: www.lfs.org.

Michigan Libertarians launch new PAC

A group of Michigan Libertarians have formed a new political action committee that will work outside the LP to try to help create a "more libertarian society."

The Small Government Alliance [SGA] will "add another dimension to libertarian activism," said Tim O'Brien, who co-founded the non-partisan organization and is serving as its executive director.

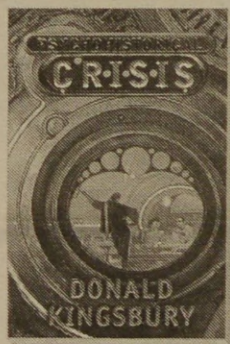
Officially launched on July 4, the goal of the SGA is to reduce "the size and scope of government in both the personal and financial lives of all peaceful, honest people," he said.

The SGA will support candidates for public office, lobby for or against legislation, engage in public information campaigns, and build alliances with other organizations such as the Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners and the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said O'Brien.

"The committee organizers basically felt it would be valuable to have an organization outside of the Libertarian Party that could work with other groups to help create a freer society," he said.

The SGA expects to endorse candidates, offer campaign consulting services, issue opinion columns, generate TV and radio appearances, and eventually sponsor issue-oriented broadcast advertising, said O'Brien, who is the former executive director of the Michigan LP.

For more information, visit: www.smallgov.org.



North Carolina's candidate calendar draws national attention from media

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ate the calendar after she received a phone call from *Playboy* magazine.

The men's magazine asked her to pose nude for an upcoming "Women of WorldCom" feature, which will showcase employees of the struggling telecommunications company.

Mills was reluctant. "I was raised as a missionary kid, so my parents would really not be happy" seeing their daughter in *Playboy*, she said.

When North Carolina LP Executive Director Sean Haugh proposed creating a calendar instead, Mills said that idea was "much better."

The calendar is "a more modest way to raise campaign funds and awareness of her political ideas, albeit in a flirtatious and highly unorthodox manner," said Haugh.

Mills worked with Robert Mihaly, a former artist-in-residence at Washington National Cathedral, to create a series of photographs that paid tribute to Alberto Vargas, the classic pinup artist of the 1940s and 1950s.

Beauty, intelligence

"The goal was to emphasize not only beauty, but strength, intelligence, and passion as well," said Haugh.

Also posing in the calendar is Jennifer Schulz Medlock, 28, (State House District 61), who said the calendar was a "really cute idea."

"Instead of just saying [to supporters], 'Oh yes, we'll take your money,' this way, people can take a souvenir," she said.

Other candidates appearing include Renee Montague (Chatham County Soil and Water Commission) and Tara Grubb (U.S. House, District 6).

The calendar spawned a few stories in local newspapers, and then the national exposure began — with invitations to appear on CNN's *Crossfire* and *American Morning* with Paula Zahn, and on *The Nachman Show* (with Jerry Nachman) on MSNBC.

On *Crossfire*, Democratic consultant James Carville applauded the idea of a political pinup calendar.

"I congratulate you on a fun, harmless way to raise money for your campaign," he told Mills. "I wish more politicians would pose for calendars to get campaign contributions, as



■ Rachel Mills strikes a pose for the "Ladies of Liberty" calendar. Insert: The calendar cover. Democratic consultant James Carville said the project was "a fun, harmless way to raise money" for a campaign.

opposed to going to all these special interest groups."

Tongue-in-cheek, the Associated Press noted in a September 18 article: "North Carolina's Libertarian Party has found a way to expose its platform — literally."

Despite the puns and good-natured jokes, Mills said her campaign is based on serious issues.

"This is a fun-loving, colorful campaign," she acknowledged. "But I stand strong on issues. Runaway government is no laughing matter."

For example, Mills said she advocates waiving all waiting periods for victims of domestic violence to purchase firearms, the same way traffic laws are waived for ambulances.

"The law should never get in the way of citizens defending them-

selves," she said.

This is the second Libertarians-in-lingerie project this year: Colorado Libertarian BetteRose Ryan and the Victory in Colorado Now PAC produced a similar calendar in July, featuring women from the Rocky Mountain state.

Righteous babes

Both calendars prove one point, said Mills: "The Libertarian Party has some righteous babes!"

To order the Ladies of Liberty calendar for a minimum donation of \$20, visit: www.rachelmills.com.

The websites of other LP candidates featured in the calendar include: Jennifer Schulz Medlock (www.electmedlock.org), Sherry Hill (www.sherryhill.com), and Tara Grubb (www.tarasue4u.com/).

Prizes offered in free-trade essay contest

The Independent Institute is offering a \$2,500 prize to the college student who writes the most compelling essay about the benefits of free trade.

The contest is open to any full- or part-time student (35 or younger) enrolled at a recognized college or university anywhere in the world. Essays must not exceed 3,000 words.

In their essay, students must discuss a quotation from Richard Cobden (1804-1865): "The progress of freedom depends more upon the maintenance of peace and the spread of commerce and the diffusion of education than upon the labour of Cabinets or Foreign Offices."

The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2003. Winners will be notified in September 2003. First prize for the contest is \$2,500. Second prize: \$1,500. Third prize: \$1,000. For information, visit: www.independent.org/garvey.html.

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Libertarian initiative to repeal Mass. income tax sparks more controversy, opposition, and publicity

The Libertarian initiative to repeal the Massachusetts income tax appears to be picking up momentum as the November 5 election draws closer — but still faces unified opposition from the state's major newspapers and political figures.

In September, Carla Howell's Committee for Small Government (CSG) raised over \$72,000 for three more full-page advertisements in the *Boston Globe*, bringing to four the total number of pro-Question 1 ads that have appeared in the newspaper. The *Globe* has a daily circulation of almost one-half million and reaches about 1.2 million readers.

"Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts is buying its way through the media blockade," said CSG spokesman Michael Cloud.

If passed, the initiative — dubbed the Small Government Act — would eliminate the state's current 5% tax on wages, the 5% tax on interest and dividends, and the up-to-12% tax on capital gains. It would save Bay State taxpayers about \$9 billion annually.

Series of debates

Howell, who is also the LP's candidate for governor, got the opportunity to promote the initiative in a series of debates with her gubernatorial rivals. [See related article on this page.]

In the first five-way debate on October 8 — with Republican Mitt Romney, Democrat Shannon O'Brien, Green Party nominee Jill Stein, and independent Barbara Johnson — Howell repeatedly touted the pro-



posals as a way to create jobs, limit government, and put about \$3,000 a year back into the pocket of the average state taxpayer.

Both the Republican and Democrat took breaks from sniping at each other to attack the tax-repeal proposal.

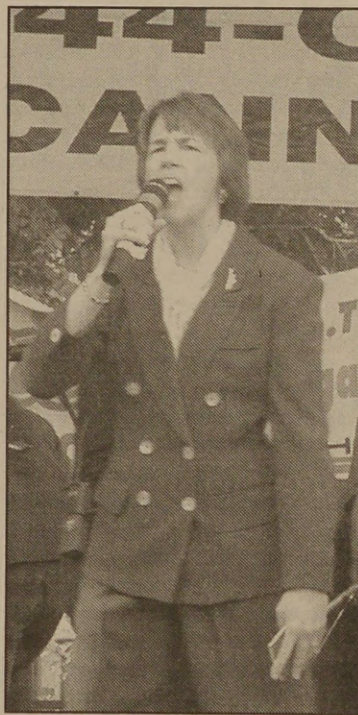
"Almost everybody's angry about taxes," said Republican Romney, who is running as a fiscal conservative. "But I don't see how you have no income tax and still be able to afford our schools and care for the elderly."

In bipartisan unity, Democrat O'Brien said: "You can't just eviscerate state government and expect that you're not going to hurt lots of people."

The state's major "conservative" newspaper also weighed in on the debate, and urged voters to reject Question 1.

The *Boston Herald*, considered by many to be the conservative alternative to the more liberal *Boston Globe*, wrote on September 23: "As tempting as the idea is, it would be a catastrophe for the state." If passed, the *Herald* argued, politicians would simply raise other taxes, causing "hugely damaging shifts in tax burdens."

Previously, the *Boston Globe* had editorialized that the initiative should be rejected because if voters



Income tax-repeal sponsor Carla Howell, shown here speaking at the MassCann rally in Boston on September 14. The *Los Angeles Times* said the measure is a "triumph for the Libertarian Party."

had \$9 billion returned to them, much of the money "would be frittered away on cars, home improvements, and vacations."

37%-40% support

According to recent polls, 37%-40% of Massachusetts voters support Question 1 — short of the majority needed to pass it.

However, an article in the *Los*

Carla Howell appears in TV debate

It took a lawsuit and a lobbying campaign, but Massachusetts LP gubernatorial candidate Carla Howell was finally invited to participate in a televised debate with her Republican and Democratic opponents.

On October 8, Howell appeared in a five-way debate with Republican Mitt Romney, Democrat Shannon O'Brien, Green Jill Stein, and independent Barbara Johnson. The debate was broadcast from the Boston studios of WLVI-TV56.

Howell used the debate to promote her Small Government Act, an initiative to repeal the state's income tax, which would save taxpayers \$9 billion annually and create thousands of new jobs.

"There is at least \$9 billion in waste and destructive big-government programs in the state budget that need to go away," she said.

Howell also attacked Republican Romney, who has campaigned as a fiscal conservative.

"You're a big government, high-tax Republican just like your predecessor," she charged.

Howell had been excluded from the first two debates, a decision she said was "grossly unfair and biased."

In response, Howell and LP Attorney Peter Kuntz filed an unsuccessful lawsuit in Worcester Superior Court against the media consortium that sponsored the debate, claiming the decision to exclude Howell violated an oral contract to include her.

State Libertarians also launched a phone and e-mail campaign to pressure the sponsors to include Howell in future debates. About 3,800 people participated.

Another five-way debate is planned for the week of October 21 (after *LP News* went to press). That debate is scheduled to be broadcast on the local ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS affiliates, and on New England Cable News.

Angeles Times on September 29 noted: "With voter turnouts averaging less than 30%, the bill could entice cranky citizens sick of wondering what the state does with [their] money."

The article also reported: "Even by the standards of tax rebellions, the

bill is so bold that few expect it to pass. But its mere presence on the ballot signals a triumph for the Libertarian Party, which has long espoused an anti-tax philosophy in Massachusetts."

For more information, visit: www.smallgovernmentact.org.

Steve Dasbach resigns as LP executive director

National LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach has announced his resignation, citing differences with the Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (LNC) over management and strategic issues.

Dasbach, who has served as executive director at the party's national office in Washington, DC since 1998, tendered his resignation on September 18. It was formally accepted at the LNC meeting three days later in Chicago.

The LNC appointed LP Chair Geoffrey Neale as acting executive director until a replacement is hired.

To ensure a smooth transition, however, Dasbach said he will continue to manage the day-to-day operations of the national office as a senior advisor over the next two months. Dasbach's resignation is effective November 18.

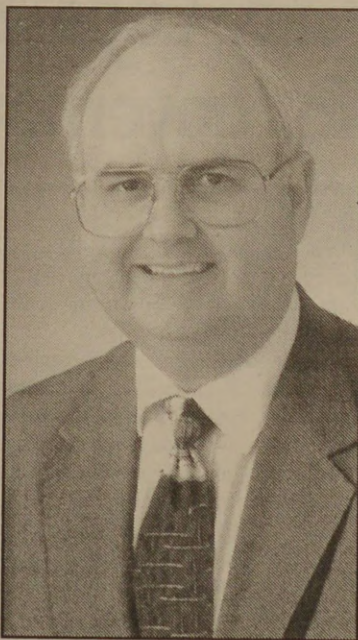
The LNC also created a committee to begin the search process for a new LP executive director. LNC members Mike Dixon, Mark Rutherford, and BetteRose Ryan were appointed to the committee.

Resolution

After accepting Dasbach's resignation, the LNC unanimously passed the following resolution:

"In accepting the resignation of Steve Dasbach as Executive Director of the Libertarian Party, the Libertarian National Committee thanks him for more than 20 years of service to the Party, culminating in his five years as National Chair and his four years as Executive Director. We commend his dedication to the cause of liberty and recognize his tireless efforts in this often difficult pursuit."

Dasbach, 49, said he was honored



Outgoing LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach: "I appreciate having been given the opportunity to serve."

to have served as the party's executive director, but was looking forward to helping the party in other ways.

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Colorado LP is monitored in Denver police spy files

Colorado LP leaders say they are more amused than angry that a newly released Denver Police Department "spy file" describes the Libertarian Party as a "militia" type organization.

"A political party as a militia group? How ridiculous!" said John Berntson, State Chair of the Colorado LP. "Is this the quality of the law enforcement in Denver? Is Barney Fife running the shop?"

3,200 citizens

According to news reports, the Denver Police Department maintained files on approximately 3,200 Colorado citizens and 208 organizations from across the political spectrum.

The files, which were released to the public in early September, listed the Libertarian Party as a "Militia type organization, pro gun rights."

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Former Colorado LP Publications Director Ari Armstrong said the analysis of the party as a militia-style group is flat out wrong.

"The Libertarian Party does not conduct or participate in military- See **SPY FILES** Page 21

POLITICAL NEWS

Georgia candidates gain gun-group support

Four Georgia Libertarian candidates who believe that "guns are a girl's best friend" have received the endorsement of the state chapter of Women Against Gun Control (WAGC).

On September 30, State House candidates Mark Mosley (District 82), Leo Baca (District 84, Post 1), Doug Craig (District 84, Post 2), and State Senate candidate Todd King (District 44) received the endorsement from WAGC State Director Nancy Herrington.

"It was great to meet four candidates so dedicated to defending the Second Amendment rights of Georgia's citizens," said Herrington. "It is obvious to me that these Libertarians mean it when they say protecting Constitutional rights is the most important job any legislator has."

Herrington said she was especially impressed by the desire of each LP candidate to enact Vermont-style concealed-carry legislation.

"Georgia needs politicians who care enough about the safety of their constituents to take a firm stand against the gun-grabbers and back legislation like this," she said.

Candidate Craig said the Libertarians were "delighted" to have the WAGC endorsement, and thought it was "particularly fitting" that the LP candidates had met Herrington at a gun show.

Georgia WAGC describes itself as a "grassroots, all-volunteer organization dedicated to preserving all Georgians' Second Amendment right to defend their lives, property, and liberty without compromise." WAGC is organized in 11 states.

Montana candidates win MSSA endorsement

Two LP candidates in Montana have received the endorsement of the Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA) for their "iron-clad" commitment to the Second Amendment.

On September 15, the MSSA announced it had endorsed U.S. Senate candidate Stan Jones and U.S. House candidate Mike Fellows for the November election.

The MSSA, a statewide political action organization, is affiliated with the National Rifle Association and associated with the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

MSSA President Gary Marbut said the group endorsed Jones and Fellows because they "understand and respect" the rights of gun owners.

"We believe [Jones and Fellows] will cast no votes to infringe on our cherished right to keep and bear arms," he said. "We must send the kind of people [to Congress] who won't play political trading games with our Constitutional rights."

Fellows, who also serves as Montana LP State Chair, said he was "honored" to receive the endorsement.

"This just proves that many people are willing to get behind Libertarians when they realize that we are 100% pro-gun rights," he said.

To receive an endorsement, candidates had to participate in an interview process and fill out the MSSA candidate questionnaire. The association also asked candidates to sign a "guarantee" waiving their right to oppose a recall election if they break any gun-rights promise.



■ Stan Jones: MSSA support.

Amendment A group holds 'horror' contest

A Libertarian-led organization conducted a "courtroom horror story contest" to rally public support for a FIJA-style amendment to the South Dakota Constitution.

Common Sense Justice (CSJ) announced on September 25 that it was searching for the stories of individuals who have been convicted of a crime, and who "probably would have been found not guilty if [they] had been able to make a common-sense argument that the law itself was either wrong or wrongly applied."

"We decided to dramatize how bad things really are by asking people to tell us their own 'horror stories' about how the justice system didn't work for them," said CSJ founder Larry Dodge.

Dodge said the organization posted flyers announcing the contest in businesses around the state, placed ads in newspapers, and sent notices to the state's 13 prisons so that inmates may enter. Entries had to be postmarked by October 21 [after LP News went to press].

The entry that CSJ judges deem the "most horrifying" will win a \$2,002 prize, said Dodge, with two prizes of \$1,001 each to be awarded by random drawings amongst non-winning entries. The winner of the contest will be announced on Halloween.

The contest was an effort to advertise Amendment "A," a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow defendants to debate the merits of a law — as well as the facts of a case — in a criminal trial. It is similar to Fully Informed Jury Amendment (FIJA) laws that have been proposed in other states.

For more information, visit: www.CommonSenseJustice.us.

Libertarians win majority on California conservation board

Libertarians have gained a majority on the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District Board — marking the first time the LP has a majority of officeholders on an elected public body in California.

In late August, Carle Hylkema, a registered Libertarian and dues-paying LP member, became the third Libertarian to serve on the five-member board. She will be sworn into office in early December.

Elected to a five-year term, Hylkema will join Libertarians Gilbert Carroll and Board President Gary Molle on the non-partisan body.

"I'm enthusiastic about being able to do something substantive for my community," she said. "And being able to work with other Libertarians on the board is just an added treat."

A Libertarian since the 1970s, Hylkema was elected by default after only two candidates filed papers to run for three open seats in the November election.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors is expected to appoint someone to fill the remaining board position.

Operation Breakthrough

Hylkema had been recruited by the California LP to run for local office as part of Operation Breakthrough 2.0, a plan to run as many Libertarians as possible for local offices in the November election.

By electing Libertarians to low-level, non-partisan office, the state party hopes to build a "farm-team"



■ Gary Molle (right) welcomes Carle Hylkema to the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District Board. With Gilbert Carroll (left), Libertarians hold three of the five seats on the non-partisan board.

that will later get elected to partisan higher-level offices, said Scott Lieberman, an alternate representative for the California region on the Libertarian National Committee.

"By running for and winning these offices, Libertarians will develop a group of elected officials who will later be able to run for offices such as State Assembly," he said.

Although Hylkema acknowledged she has limited experience dealing with local environmental issues, she said she has already started attending board meetings and is quickly

learning the ropes.

"I'm very open-minded and eager to learn more about how to help preserve natural resources while protecting private property rights," she said.

Located in mountainous Santa Clara County in central California, the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District Board helps manage land-use planning, pollution control, water quality, and the conservation of natural resources.

Professionally, Hylkema works as a data management architect for Sun Microsystems.

Gary Copeland dropped as candidate for governor by California LP board

California Libertarian Gary Copeland has been stripped of the party's gubernatorial nomination after he spat on a radio talk show host during an on-air interview.

On September 14, the 15-member California LP executive committee passed a resolution rescinding its support for Copeland because of his "repugnant" and unprofessional conduct. The vote was 13-2.

Although the LP cannot remove Copeland from the November ballot, the executive committee also endorsed Art Olivier for governor, and encouraged California residents to cast a write-in vote for the former Bellflower mayor and 2000 LP vice presidential candidate.

LP State Chair Aaron Starr said the state executive committee regretted having to retract Copeland's nomination — especially so late in the election cycle.

"But considering what [Copeland]

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did, we ultimately felt that we had no other choice than to rescind his nomination," he said. "There was just a lot of anger over what he did. Everybody was quite appalled."

The state LP's action came after two local affiliates also denounced Copeland.

■ On September 9, the San Diego LP executive committee endorsed the

proposed California LP resolution, and called for Copeland's nomination to be revoked.

■ On September 10, the Orange County LP passed a resolution charging that Copeland's actions would "disgrace the Libertarian Party of California, and diminish its credibility with the voters of this state." Copeland is a resident of Orange County.

Copeland apologized

While Copeland had at first defended his actions — saying that "anyone who espouses the greatness of government while disallowing our First Amendment right deserves to be spit on" — he later apologized.

"Was it a mistake? Yes," he said. "Would I do it again? No. I am saying that I was wrong. I stepped over an unwritten line of public decorum. I am publicly apologizing."

The political debacle began on
See **COPELAND** Page 13

Full-page Ads in the Boston Globe

Why we're reaching out to the Globe's 1,200,000 readers

40% of Massachusetts voters *already* support Carla Howell's Libertarian Ballot Question 1 to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts. (*Boston Globe*, 8/29/02)

More and more Massachusetts voters are joining us. They're seeing the huge benefits of our Libertarian Ballot Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts.

Our common sense case is winning the hearts and minds of Massachusetts Taxpayers.

We've already run several full-page ads in the *Boston Globe*. Reaching out to working class and middle class Massachusetts Taxpayers. Reaching out to voters who have never been exposed to the Libertarian alternative.

Already 40% of the voters are ready to vote Yes.

We must run more full-page ads in the *Boston Globe*. To reach 1,200,000 key readers. To reach the newspaper reporters, TV reporters, and talk radio hosts who rely upon the *Boston Globe* for story leads.

We are so close. Just inches to go.

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Help us make our complete case for Ending the Income Tax in Massachusetts to 1,200,000 Boston Globe readers. Please donate today.

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Skyscraping Government Spending

Governor Michael Dukakis' 1991 state budget was \$10 billion. Working class and middle class taxpayers thought the 1991 Dukakis budget was way too high. So did tax-cutters, small business owners, fiscal conservatives, and economists.

This year's Massachusetts state budget is almost \$23 billion. Today, 11 years later, \$13 billion higher than the "way too high" Dukakis budget.

Massachusetts state government spending has doubled in the last 10 years, government-created burdens and obstacles have grown even faster.

Massachusetts government restrictions, regulations, mandates, red tape, licensing, permits, fees, and requirements make it harder and more expensive for us to own or operate a business, buy or sell a car, buy or sell a home or improve a home, rent a home or apartment, educate our children, obtain affordable health care, and save for our future.

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Finally! The Uncensored Facts about Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts

Why have these facts been kept from you?

Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 will:

✓ Give back \$3,000 each to 3,000,000 Massachusetts workers. \$3,000 every year.

✓ Create 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs in Massachusetts.

✓ Protect your family's financial privacy from Massachusetts state government.

✓ Force the state legislature to dramatically streamline and cut the waste out of the Massachusetts state budget.

✓ Force the state legislature to get rid of failed, flawed government programs that don't work.

✓ Make the state legislature accountable to Massachusetts workers and taxpayers — instead of lobbyists, special interests, and bureaucrats.

164,000 Unemployed

364,000 Massachusetts workers can't find jobs. 164,000 out of work. Businesses are laying workers off. Downsizing. Others are closing their doors.

How many of your friends, family members, or neighbors can't find a job? How many of them can't pay their rent or feed their families because they're out of work? How many are still looking for work and how many have given up hope?

How many people are forced to leave Massachusetts in search of jobs? Hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

Shrinking Take-Home Pay

Workers who still have jobs are faced with pay cuts or pay freezes or unpaid leave.

Cases are required to put in a lot more hours for the same pay. This year, the state legislature slashed the take-home pay of Massachusetts workers. How? A \$1.1 billion tax hike. On the back of Massachusetts workers. Every tax hike is a pay cut.

The Massachusetts state government is shrinking the take-home pay of Massachusetts workers.

What We Need

We need to dramatically cut state government over-spending. We need to remove the government-created burdens and obstacles that stand between us and a better life. We need jobs for our unemployed. Jobs for our graduates. And Massachusetts workers need substantially more take-home pay.

Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts is just what we need. For our families and communities.

\$3,000 More Take-Home Pay

There are over 3,000,000 people working in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts state government takes \$9 billion from us in personal income taxes every year. Divide \$9 billion in taxes by 3,000,000 taxpayers. \$3,000 average each.

3,000,000 Massachusetts workers will each get an average of \$3,000 more every year. You, your friends, your co-workers, your neighbors. \$3,000 each. Every year. For our families and businesses. For our neighborhoods and communities.

\$3,000 more every year to spend or save, to give to churches, charities, or favorite causes.

Working class and middle class families are having trouble making ends meet. They need this \$3,000.

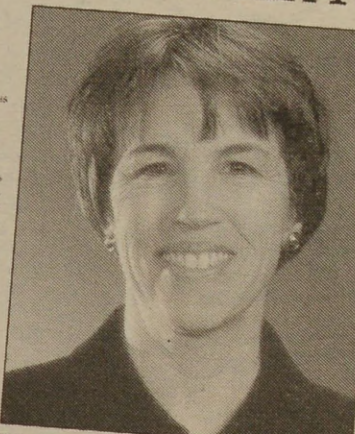
We're workers with shrinking take-home pay need this \$3,000.

This tax cut is their pay raise. Do you have family or friends nearing retirement age? They need this \$3,000. Every year.

Do you have a business? Every customer who walks in your door will have \$3,000 more each year to spend with your business.

3,000,000 Massachusetts workers will each get their share of \$9 billion a year from Ending the Income Tax in Massachusetts. Those who put more in will get more back. Those who put less in will get less back. The average worker will get \$3,000. Every year.

Massachusetts government-created burdens and obstacles push down our standard of living. They cost us time and money. Government-created burdens



Carla Howell: Her November 5th ballot initiative — Ballot Question 1 — will provide enormous benefits to Massachusetts residents. It will give back \$3,000 each to 3,000,000 Massachusetts workers, help dramatically cut state government over-spending, and create 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs in the Bay State.

Can a State Government Operate with NO Income Tax?

Florida, Washington, and Texas have no state income tax. Neither does Tennessee, Nevada, Wyoming, South Dakota, Alaska, or New Hampshire. Nine states have NO income tax on wages. Massachusetts would be the tenth state.

Can Massachusetts Operate on a Budget of Only \$14 Billion?

We have a \$23 billion state budget. The state personal income tax collects \$9 billion. \$23 billion minus a \$9 billion Tax Cut from Ending the Income Tax equals a \$14 billion state budget.

We ran the Massachusetts state government on \$10 billion just a decade ago. \$14 billion is still \$4 billion higher than Governor Michael Dukakis' 1991 bloated state budget.

Even after we End the Income Tax, Massachusetts state spending will be 40% higher than the Dukakis' budget.

How are we going to Fund Essential Government Services?

Police, firefighters, and local roads are already funded by local taxes.

Out of the entire \$23 billion state budget, less than \$1.5 billion pays for state law enforcement and firefighters and functions specifically mandated by the Massachusetts Constitution. This includes the legislature, state offices, state police, prisons, courts, etc.

Another \$1.5 billion is for tax bond payments.

Less than \$1 billion is spent on roads — including the Big Dig. That's less than \$4 billion total — out of the \$23 billion state budget — that is needed to pay for

these functions. The remaining \$19 billion funds a vast array of government programs. Social programs that would be run more responsibly, more effectively, and at dramatically lower costs by private charities, private businesses, and community organizations.

Businesses do this every day. It's necessary and desirable. It keeps businesses healthy, productive, and competitive.

We must DOWNSIZE Massachusetts state government. We must get rid of the Big Government programs that do not work.

Remove the Big Government programs that make things worse, create new problems, squander and waste, and divert money and energy from positive and productive uses in the private sector.

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Will we need to Replace the Income Tax with New State or Local Taxes?

Not Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 is designed to make government small.

To remove the wasteful and destructive Big Government programs that burden us with High Taxes. In fact, Ending the Income Tax will help drive down other taxes.

For example, when we DOWNSIZE and remove the rules, regulations, and mandates that drive up the cost of education, cities and towns will be able to vote tax under-rides to cut property taxes.

You'll never have to tell the state government who lives in your home, how much you make, and how you spend it.

You'll get back financial privacy.

stacks struggle and suffocate businesses.

When the state legislature increased the income tax rate this year they wiped out 32,000 jobs in Massachusetts. (Beacon Hill Institute) The state legislature threw 32,000 people out of work.

Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts turns this around.

\$9 billion from Ending the Income Tax will go back into 3,000,000 workers' hands. Back into our communities and local economies. This \$9 billion in private hands will produce 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs. (Beacon Hill Institute, 1998 and 2002)

We have 164,000 people unemployed in Massachusetts. 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs means a job for everyone who is unemployed.

Massachusetts high school, college, and university graduates. 300,000 to 500,000 new jobs means a job for every graduate.

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Do You Want This?

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You Can Make a Difference

Most of our supporters are working class and middle class people like you. People who want to make Massachusetts a better place to raise their families and live their lives.

All of us help as much as we can. We talk to our friends, volunteer, and donate what we can.

We need you. You are critical to our success. Here's how you can help End the Income Tax in Massachusetts:

1. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about Carla Howell's Ballot Question 1 to End the state income tax.

2. Vote Yes on 1 on November 5th. And ask the people you know to vote Yes.

3. Our biggest challenge is getting our message out. We need to run more paid advertising in this newspaper, radio ads, TV ads. We need to put up yard signs and leaflet neighborhoods.

Your help is our hope. Your donation is our hope.

Most of our first-time donors give between \$65 and \$85 to help us reach hundreds of voters.

If you can donate between \$65 and \$85 today, it could make the difference between succeeding and failing short.

If your budget allows it, you may donate \$150 or \$250 or even \$500. If you can afford it, we would most appreciate a donation in this range.

If your budget is really tight, your \$25 or \$45 donation right now will make a critical difference.

Please fill out the donor coupon below, enclose your check, money order, or credit card information — and mail it in today.

Time is short. Please act now.

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TALKING POINTS

A Seinfeld lesson for the FTC, and how to waste \$19 billion

■ Politics in Action I

A Christian Democratic politician running for a seat in Sweden's parliament called for porn to be broadcast on television all day every Saturday in order to help boost the population and thereby the economy.

Teres Kirpikli, a municipal councilor in the southern town of Skoevde, said pornography was the best way to get couples to have more sex and procreate.

"I want erotica and porn on television every Saturday, all day. Then people would feel like having more sex. I think most people like porn, even though they don't want to admit it," she said.

— **AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**
September 5, 2002

■ Politics in Action II

Running for re-election in 1982, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown tried to draw attention to his campaign — and to the dangers of fire ants — by escorting a TV crew to a park near the state Capitol.

There, he stuck his hand into a fire-ant mound and was promptly stung 32 times. "I'll never do that again," Brown said later.

He wasn't re-elected.

— **KEVIN MERIDA**
Washington Post Magazine,
September 15, 2002

■ Politics in Action III

The 60,000 delegates (from 182 countries) to the recent World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, luxuriated not only in four- and five-star accommodations but an elegant food and drink layout, including tons of lobster, oysters, filet mignon, salmon, caviar, pate de foie gras, champagne, [and] fine wines and mineral water.

— **NEWS OF THE WEIRD**
September 15, 2002

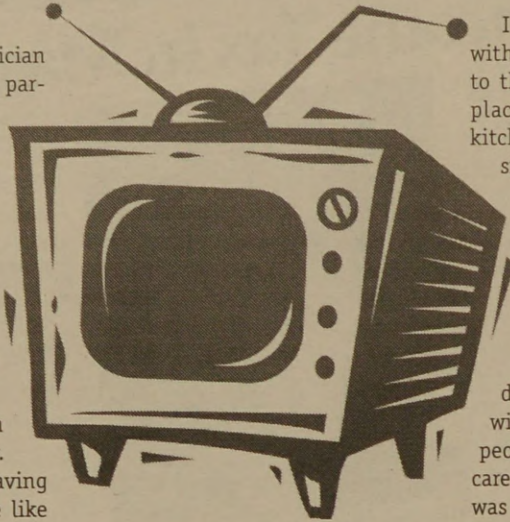
■ CBO monkeys

When George W. Bush was sworn in as the 43rd president of the United States, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated the federal budget for fiscal 2002 would be in surplus by an eye-popping \$405 billion.

Last week, the CBO issued its latest estimate for 2002: a \$157 billion deficit.

In just more than 19 months in office, President Bush has overseen a \$552 billion swing in the 2002 budget and an estimated \$7 trillion deterioration of the federal government's 10-year fiscal outlook.

Stock market observers often joke about how the average analysts' stock picks are no better than if a monkey



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running for a seat in Sweden's parliament called for porn to be broadcast on TV all day every Saturday in order to help boost the economy.

were to throw darts at the newspaper's financial pages.

To get a sense of the reliability of CBO estimates, spin the monkey three times beforehand.

— **JASON M. THOMAS**
The Washington Times
September 12, 2002

■ Human needs

Once, when working in Texas in a parish, I was asked by the pastor to manage the parish's outreach to the poor.

It was a simple program, consisting of organizing the collection of food, clothing, and money from the parishioners and getting to know the people who came to us in their need. The program was completely voluntary, from beginning to end.

I recall getting a phone call one day from a lady who had three children and whose husband had left them in their trailer home in a remote suburb of Austin. She wondered if we could help them with some food.

"Yes, of course," I replied. "What do the kids like?"

"They love pork and beans," she said. Because her husband took the car when he left, she asked if it would be possible for us to bring the groceries to her.

I got the directions and arranged with a colleague to take the food out to the family. When we arrived, we placed the boxes of food in the kitchen and I proceeded to go outside and play catch with the kids.

When I came in to bid the lady a good evening, she was sitting on the kitchen stool crying. In her hand was a 39¢ can of pork and beans she had taken out of one of the boxes.

The beleaguered and abandoned mother was overwhelmed with gratitude for the kindness of people she had never met, but who cared for her family's well-being. It was not the material subsidy that touched this woman and her family so deeply; rather, it was the concern of a community.

No governmental program, no matter how generous, could even begin to meet the deepest human needs for love and truth.

— **REV. ROBERT A. SIRICO**
Acton Notes, September 2002

■ No-Defense Dept.

Like many a president before him, George W. Bush sees an urgent national problem and offers an interior-decorating solution: Adding another chair to the Cabinet table.

He proposes to create a federal department to protect the homeland from attack — which apparently is too much to expect from a Defense Department that is supposed to get \$369 billion next year.

— **STEVE CHAPMAN**
TownHall.com,
September 16, 2002

■ Too high a price?

Pharmaceuticals cost too much. That seems to be the consensus of most Americans.

It's easy to believe that drugs cost too much. At least it is if you aren't the member of my church who just died of stomach cancer [or] my next-door neighbor and running partner who has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

For them, drugs don't cost nearly enough, since a higher cost would bring forth more and better means of fighting cancer, multiple sclerosis, and other diseases. Yet legislators seem dedicated to restricting the availability of such pharmaceuticals.

That's not their intent, of course. But that would be the inevitable result of their proposals.

More than 800 medications are under development for diseases — Alzheimer's, osteoarthritis, prostate disease and more. Another 200 for children's conditions are in process.

These drugs are being developed only because pharmaceutical companies can acquire patents and then sell their drugs at a profit. Typically, only one of 5,000 to 10,000 compounds ends up as a marketable drug, and of those only 30% make money. Those few must pay for everything — research and development, dry holes, overhead, lawsuits.

Maybe Congress could do better. But it could easily do worse. Whatever it does, it should not do so just to save money. Otherwise, more of my friends are likely to die prematurely and unnecessarily.

— **DOUG BANDOW**
Investor's Business Daily
September 9, 2002.

■ Three reasons

There are practical military reasons not to initiate a war in Iraq.

Conservative estimates call for 200,000 troops to mount a successful invasion of Iraq. Placing 200,000 soldiers in Iraq with hundreds of thousands already deployed around the globe will further dilute our ability to defend our own shores.

There are economic reasons to

avoid this war. We can do serious damage to our already faltering economy.

An invasion of Iraq may well cost over \$100 billion, especially when we cannot know the outcome or duration. Our national debt is increasing at a rate of over \$450 billion yearly, yet we are talking about spending \$100 billion pursuing another nation-building adventure in Iraq. We must not kid ourselves about the economic ramifications.

There are clear philosophical reasons for those who believe in limited government to oppose this war.

"War is the health of the state," as the saying goes. War necessarily means more power is given to the state. This additional power always results in a loss of liberty.

War and big government go hand in hand, but we should be striving for peace and freedom.

— **U.S. REP. RON PAUL**
Texas Straight Talk
September 9, 2002

■ The Seinfeld method

With all of the problems in the USA, it would be nice to believe that the federal government is focusing its time and our money on the most pressing dangers. But time and again, the government instead wastes valuable resources on trivial pursuits.

This appears to be the case with the two federal agencies that have jumped in with plans to save Americans from an imminent threat: telemarketing.

[For example,] Federal Trade Commission Chairman Tim Muris says it is the federal government's duty to prevent Americans from being annoyed by those pesky telemarketers. He wants Americans to be able to dial a toll-free number and be put on an FTC "do not call" list.

Pure nannyism — the belief that Americans can't handle uninvited calls — motivates these ideas. Most people don't have trouble hanging up when telemarketers call.

Jerry Seinfeld's method is my favorite. When he received such a call on a *Seinfeld* episode, he replied that he was busy and asked for a home number where he could call back.

After the telemarketer's off-screen reply, Seinfeld said, "Oh, you don't like being called at home? Well, now you know how I feel," then slammed down the phone.

— **JOHN BERLAU**
USA Today, September 19, 2002

■ \$19 billion wasted

A half-dozen of the largest federal agencies squandered \$19 billion through erroneous payments last year, and the total amount wasted is probably far greater, [said the] General Accounting Office, the investigative and auditing arm of Congress.

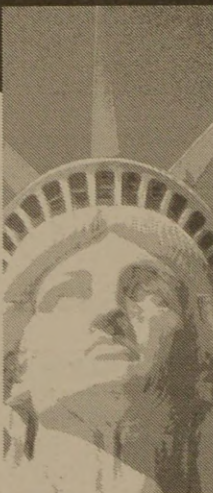
The mistakes occurred when government officials paid people twice, miscalculated the amount individuals should receive, or sent checks to people who weren't eligible.

The actual amount wasted may be billions more since hardly any agencies disclose these kinds of mistakes, the GAO said.

— **THE BOSTON GLOBE**
September 7, 2002

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

— **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**



As Libertarians, we understand that the greatest danger to our nation's liberties is, indeed, ourselves. Well, not us personally. But "faltering" voters, who elect and re-elect the Republican and Democratic politicians who work overtime to destroy those freedoms that define America. But while they falter, you must stand strong. Here's one way: Name the Libertarian Party in your will or insurance policy. To discuss this option, call National LP Treasurer Deryl Martin at (865) 584-5192. Or e-mail: dmartin301@comcast.net

Why are Massachusetts Gun Freedom Leaders Endorsing Carla Howell for Governor?

Carla Howell is the ONLY Pro-Gun candidate for Governor of Massachusetts.

Mitt Romney, the Republican candidate for Governor, got a grade of "F" from Gun Owners of America. Mitt Romney supports and approves of Anti-Gun Chapter 180. He opposed Bill H.5102 which would have reduced the impact of Chapter 180.

Mitt Romney is Anti-Gun.

Shannon O'Brien, the likely winner of the Democratic nomination for Governor on September 17th, also opposed H.5102. O'Brien supports Anti-Gun Chapter 180.

Shannon O'Brien is Anti-Gun.

Carla Howell is actively campaigning to repeal Chapter 180 — to remove every Anti-Gun law on the books in Massachusetts.

She has campaigned at over 100 gun clubs and gun stores in Massachusetts.

She testified before the state legislature on behalf of the repeal of Anti-Gun Chapter 180. In fact, she shredded a copy of Chapter 180 during her testimony. The crowd cheered while the legislators tried to gavel her down.

Chapter 180 is Disarming Massachusetts

In 1998, before Anti-Gun Chapter 180 was made into law, there were nearly 1,500,000 active gun licenses in Massachusetts.

Today, 4 years later, that number has plummeted to 200,000.

Anti-Gun Chapter 180 is driving honest and responsible gun owners out of Massachusetts.

Some Massachusetts gun owners are unknowingly breaking this new law. Others are forced to break the law rather than leave their families at the mercy of violent criminals.

Anti-Gun Chapter 180 is disarming Massachusetts.

Mitt Romney and Shannon O'Brien, the Quislings and Neville Chamberlains of Massachusetts, are rapidly surrendering our gun rights.

Four years of Mitt Romney's and Shannon O'Brien's Anti-Gun political collaboration and appeasement would make Massachusetts a safe haven for rapists, murderers, carjackers, and home invaders.

Gun Freedom leaders know it.

That's why every true blue Gun Freedom leader in Massachusetts is backing Carla Howell's campaign for Governor.

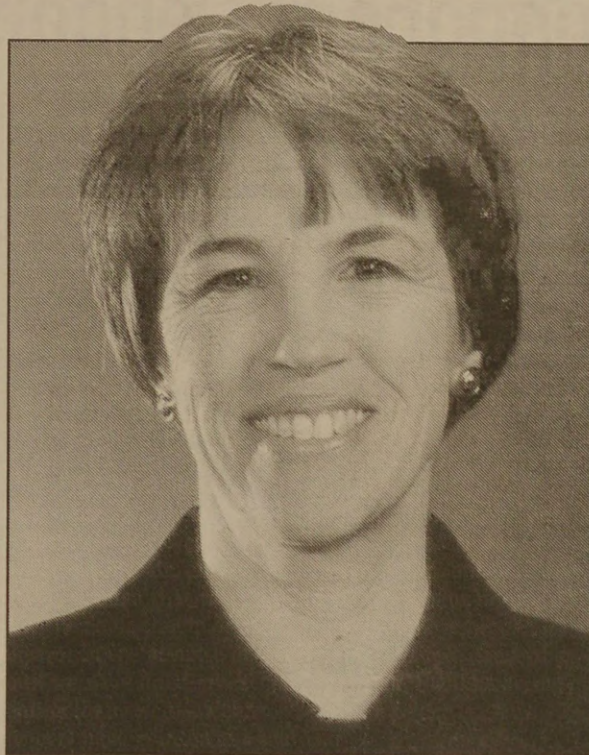
Because she puts the Second Amendment first. Because the right of self-defense protects all our other rights.

Carla Howell is the ONLY Pro-Gun candidate for Governor of Massachusetts.

Gun Freedom Leaders Endorse Carla Howell

Take a look at the Honor Roll of Gun Freedom leaders who have already endorsed me for Governor of Massachusetts.

- Harry Vandaloski, President, Lawful and Responsible Gun Owners (LARGO)
- Lynne Roberts, Massachusetts State



Massachusetts Gubernatorial Candidate Carla Howell is 100% Pro-Gun. No Excuses, No Exceptions.

Coordinator, Second Amendment Sisters

- Bart Kincaid, Board of Directors, Gun Owners Action League (GOAL)
- Tom LaRoche, Board of Directors, Gun Owners Action League (GOAL)

- Lyn Bates, Columnist, Women & Guns Magazine and Author, Safety for Stalking Victims
- Darius Arbabi, Attorney at Law, Expert in Massachusetts firearms law

- Alan Gottlieb, Founder, Second Amendment Foundation (SAF)
- David Rostcheck, Co-Founder, Pink Pistols
- Ronald Knoll, 25-year Veteran of Law Enforcement; former President, Northern Middlesex County Police Association

- An "A" rating from Gun Owners of America.
- A+ rating from Pink Pistols.
- PLUS dozens of endorsements from gun club officers across Massachusetts.

Pro-Gun on TV, Radio, and Newspapers

Why has Carla Howell earned the trust and support of Gun Freedom leaders in Massachusetts?

Because she is the ONLY candidate for Governor speaking out loudly and proudly on behalf of the Second Amendment.

Not just to gun owners. But for gun owners and Gun Freedom activists. On TV. On Radio. With newspaper reporters.

To Anthony Everett on Boston Channel 5 ABC TV. Chet Curtis or Margie Reedy on New England Cable News TV.

Neal Boortz!

Whether it's David Brudnoy challenging her on WBZ Talk Radio Show; Emily Rooney on WGBH Channel 2 TV; Howie Carr, Peter Blute or Moe Lauzier on WRKO Talk Radio; Jon Keller on Channel 56 TV; Jordan Levy, on WTAG Talk Radio, Tony Gill on WCAI Radio, or any of the dozens of TV and radio hosts and anchors across Massachusetts who have interviewed her, Carla Howell gives listeners compelling reasons for restoring the Second Amendment.

Associated Press, Boston Globe, and every other Massachusetts newspaper.

Every newspaper reporter, Talk Radio Host, and TV interviewer in Massachusetts knows this about Carla Howell: she is proud of our Pro-Gun position and she won't back down.

Please Help

All across Massachusetts, gun clubs and gun stores and gun owners are putting up Carla Howell's Libertarian campaign signs.

They're asking their families, their friends, their neighbors, and their co-workers to vote Carla Howell, Libertarian for Governor.

But Massachusetts gun owners need your help. Carla Howell needs your help.

We need to run Newspaper, Radio, and Prime TV Advertising.

This is our moment of opportunity.

Please fill out the donor coupon, enclose your credit card information or check, and mail it in today. We are so close.

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AFFILIATE NEWS

The LP's first November winner, a turnabout ballot ploy, and an opponent's endorsement

■ COLORADO

State LP raps proposed English-only mandate

The LP has blasted a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would require all students in government schools to be taught in English.

Amendment 31, which will appear on the ballot in November, would require non-English speaking students to be taught in English-immersion programs and require an annual English test for all English learners.

But such a mandate "usurps control of the schools from local officials, and ultimately from the parents [of school children]," said LP Public Information Director **Mike Seebeck**.

Instead of adding another education mandate, the government should replace the taxpayer-funded education system with a purely private, competitive one, said Seebeck.

"Government schools already do a poor job of teaching English to children who already speak English," he said. "Why should we think they would do a better job teaching it to those who don't?"

■ COLORADO

Leadville city council loses second Libertarian

The Libertarian team on the Leadville city council has lost another member.

In August, council member **Kenneth Cary** resigned his position, reportedly because he was moving out of the town, which is located in the rugged mountains west of Denver.

His departure left only two Libertarians on the seven-member council — down from the four-person majority they enjoyed a year ago.

In November 2001, Cary and **Carol Hill** had been elected to the non-partisan council, joining Libertarian incumbents **Joe Swyers** and **Lisa Dowdney**. At the time, they formed the first Libertarian city council majority since 1987.

However, in March 2002, Swyers changed his affiliation after hostile citizens complained about the Libertarians' efforts to repeal several taxes.

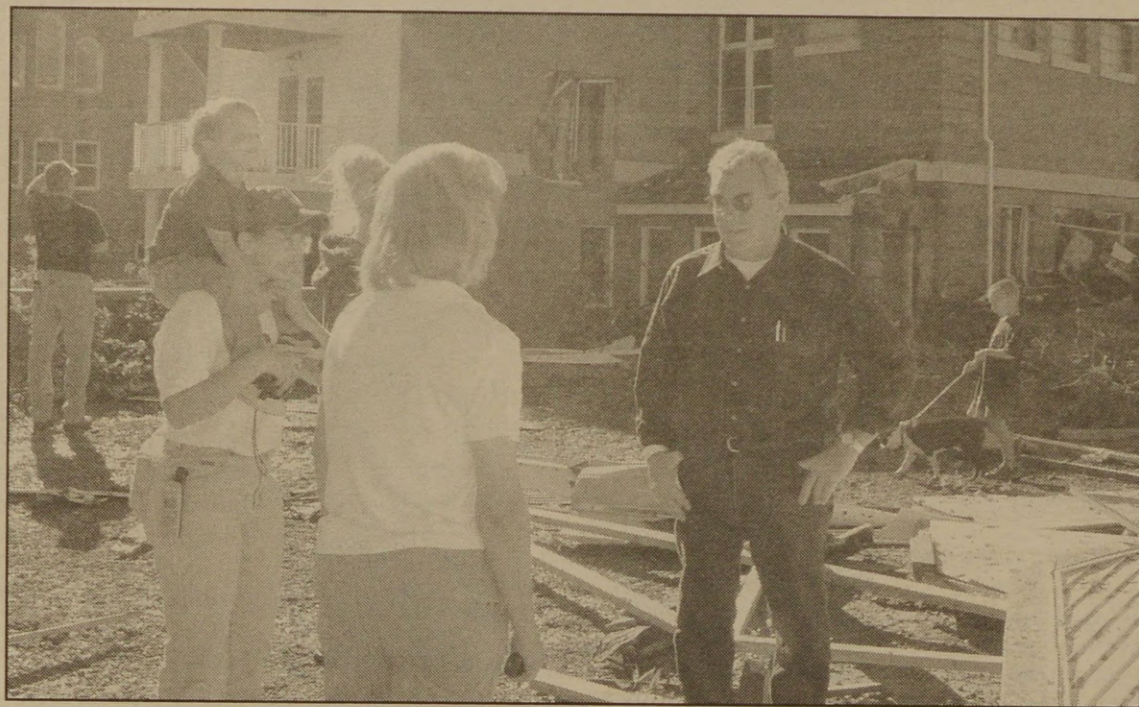
Although the LP lost an officeholder with Cary's resignation, it did not lose a supporter.

"I am still registered to vote as a libertarian, and a dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party," he said.

■ COLORADO

Boulder County LP runs in every partisan race

Boulder County Libertarians have set a new record — becoming the



Libertarian candidates help in Wisconsin tornado relief efforts

■ Wisconsin LP gubernatorial candidate **Ed Thompson** talks to survivors of a tornado that swept through the small town of Ladysmith and other parts of northwest Wisconsin on September 2. The F-3 category tornado injured 62 people and damaged about 135 homes and businesses.

In response, **Marty Reynolds**, Thompson's lieutenant gubernatorial running mate and mayor of Ladysmith, helped organize the Ladysmith Tornado Relief Fund. As of late September, the fund, operated out of three local banks, had already raised over \$100,000.

"This is a major hit here," Reynolds said. "We will rebuild what needs to be rebuilt. We will repair what needs to be repaired, and we'll move on."

The relief effort is personal for Reynolds: The tornado smashed a small tidal wave of water through his bed and breakfast inn, which the former Democrat opened after he decided not to run for a seventh term in the state legislature. It also tossed his pickup truck into a nearby tree.

After doing clean-up work, Reynolds said he was heading back to the campaign trail with Thompson. "I don't mean to sound glib, but it's going to take more than a tornado to stop this campaign," he said.

To contribute to the Ladysmith Tornado Relief Fund, send a check (payable to the fund) to: Wisconsin LP, PO Box 20815, Greenfield, WI 53220-0815.

first LP affiliate in state history to run candidates in every partisan race.

Boulder County voters will find 17 LP candidates on the ballot in November, including gubernatorial candidate **Ralph Shnelvar** and attorney general candidate **Dwight Harding**.

"Since the founding of this party, Boulder County is the first to pull this off. We're all very excited," said **Norm Olsen**, state LP campaigns director.

In addition, in four of the races — coroner, sheriff, surveyor, and State House (District 10) — the Libertarian candidate is the only contender to a Democrat.

"I think that this just shows what a hard working and dedicated county affiliate can accomplish," said LP State Chair **John Berntson**.

■ INDIANA

State party has its first Nov. election winner

The state LP has its first winner of the November election: **Ed Dilts**, candidate for Needham Township

Advisory Board in Johnson County.

The deadline for candidates to file for the three open seats on the board passed on September 16, leaving Dilts as the only qualified candidate. The other two board members will be appointed by the County Commission.

Dilts said he was looking forward to serving in office.

"I was disappointed that no one else thought it was important enough to file for," he said. "But I'm pretty happy about the prospect of contributing a little to my community."

Township advisory board members are responsible for approving an estimate of town expenditures and approving additional or emergency appropriations for the township.

■ INDIANA

State party distributes 335,000 newspapers

The Indiana LP has flooded the state with an outreach tabloid that it hopes will recruit more members and increase LP vote totals.

After raising almost \$20,000 in funding from Indiana LP members, the state LP distributed 335,000 copies of the *Hoosier Libertarian* newspaper on September 23.

"I'm very excited. I just hope we're able to handle the crush of inquiries it's going to generate," said Executive Director **Brad Klopfenstein**.

The eight-page newspaper is designed to recruit members, provide exposure for the party's 157 candidates, and help garner more than 2% of the vote for Secretary of State candidate **Rebecca Sink-Burris** to maintain ballot status, said Klopfenstein.

The *Hoosier Libertarian* was distributed as an insert in the *Indianapolis Star* and three other newspapers, and handed out by LP volunteers.

■ IOWA

Libertarians hold protest over TV debate exclusion

Libertarians took to the streets to protest the exclusion of gubernatorial candidate **Clyde Cleveland** from

a televised debate, calling it an "insidious form of censorship."

On September 12, several dozen demonstrators marched in Cedar Rapids in front of the *Gazette* newspaper building and KCRG-TV9 studio, chanting "Free Speech Now" and "Open up the debates."

The two media outlets had agreed to sponsor a debate between Democratic candidate **Tom Vilsack** and Republican candidate **Doug Gross** on September 16, but refused to include Cleveland, saying he was not a "leading candidate" in the race.

However, Cleveland said the media have no business making that decision for voters.

"Iowans are intelligent, and certainly mature enough to make up their own minds regarding the candidates," he said. "They don't need the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* deciding for them who will be the next governor of Iowa."

For more information about the Cleveland for governor campaign, visit: www.clevelandforgovernor.com.

■ NEVADA

Libertarians promote marijuana initiative

Reno Libertarians are working to build support for a statewide initiative to decriminalize possession of up to three ounces of marijuana for individuals over 21.

At an LP fair booth at the Nevada State fair in late August, several Libertarian volunteers urged fairgoers to vote for Question 9.

The measure, which will appear on the November ballot, would provide for the commercial cultivation of marijuana to be taxed and regulated by the state.

Although the initiative is "not perfect" from a Libertarian standpoint, the benefits of the measure outweigh the drawbacks, said state LP Secretary **Emily Rahn**.

"Thousands of nonviolent marijuana users will no longer be sent to prison, leaving the police free to focus on violent criminals," she said.

"If this initiative passes, it may spark similar initiatives in other states. The result would be the beginning of the end of the War on Drugs and a more libertarian government."

■ NEW HAMPSHIRE

Remove opponents from ballot, urges Libertarian

In a surprising turnabout, U.S. Senate candidate **Ken Blevens** has demanded that his major party opponents be removed from the ballot because they violated state election law.

Blevens sent a letter to N.H. Secretary of State **William Gardner** on September 13, demanding that he strike the names of Republican **John Sununu** and Democratic **Jeanne Shaheen** from the ballot.

Both candidates had violated election law by willfully spending more than their voluntary campaign expenditure limitation, charged Blevens, and both paid a fine for their violations.

Article 11 of the state Constitution holds that citizens who violate

election laws may not vote or be elected to office unless the State Supreme Court has restored their privileges, noted Blevens.

"Campaign reform must start with government officials upholding the Constitution and the laws," he said.

When *LP News* went to press, the secretary of state had not yet announced that he would remove the Republican and Democrat from the ballot.

For more information about the Blevens for U.S. Senate campaign, visit: www.blevens.org.

■ MARYLAND

Lancaster endorsed by Democratic candidate

In what may be a first for a Libertarian, LP gubernatorial candidate **Spear Lancaster** has been endorsed by a former contender for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

On September 13, Robert Raymond Fustero announced his support for Lancaster at a press conference in Baltimore. Fustero, who received 20% in the Democratic primary, lost to current lieutenant governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

"If anybody symbolizes what my campaign was all about, it is Spear Lancaster," said Fustero. "I'm urging that all those who supported me in the primary election vote for Spear Lancaster for governor."

Lancaster, who in August became the first third-party gubernatorial candidate to qualify for the ballot since 1966, enthusiastically accepted the endorsement.

"This means a great deal to me," he said. "[Fustero] has been one of the more thoughtful campaigners this year, and I'm delighted to have his backing in the general election."

For more information about the Lancaster for governor campaign, visit: www.spear2002.com.

■ MONTANA

Men and women really are politically different

More men than women are libertarians. But more women than men

are authoritarians.

Those are two of the intriguing facts discovered by the Hill County LP, which used the World's Smallest Political Quiz to survey 146 state residents at the Great Northern Fair in Havre earlier this year, and then analyzed the results.

The Quiz "is a useful tool of scientific measurement [as well as] a recruiting tool," said Hill County LP Chair **James Rolph Edwards**.

The survey revealed that 28.1% of fairgoers were political centrists, while 21.2% fell in the libertarian quadrant.

"The strength of latent libertarian support comes as no surprise, since that was the original philosophy of the American revolution," said Edwards, who is also an associate professor of economics at Montana State University (Northern).

The one unexpected result of the survey, said Edwards: While 8.8% of men fell into the authoritarian quadrant, 13.5% of women did.

"I have known since I met my mother-in-law that there were dominating women in the world," he quipped. "I just didn't know how many."

■ PENNSYLVANIA

Krawchuk gets support from opponent's son

It's never a good sign when, in the midst of your campaign, your own son announces he is backing an opponent.

But that's what happened after a debate between LP gubernatorial candidate **Ken Krawchuk**, Democrat Ed Rendell, and Republican Mike Fisher on September 19. The face-off took place at the Penn State University campus at State College.

According to a report in the *Philadelphia Daily News*, Rendell's son Jesse phoned his father after the debate to say he was voting for Krawchuk.

Furthermore, the newspaper reported that Krawchuk, who was the LP gubernatorial candidate in 1998 as well, "stole the show" with his "acerbic one-liners and single-minded ideological clarity."

"I laid a lot of landmines for the other candidates to step in, and they did every time," said Krawchuk after the debate. "The amount of enthusiasm I've received from that one appearance is incredible."

For more information about the Krawchuk for governor campaign, visit: www.kenk.org.

■ TENNESSEE

State party sets new record for candidates

The Tennessee LP has set a new candidate record, running 21 candidates for public office in the 2002 election cycle.

The previous LP record was 19 can-

didates set in 2000, said state LP State Chair **Ray Ledford**, who is also the party's gubernatorial candidate.

The LP's slate includes five candidates for U.S. House, five candidates for state legislature, five candidates for county commissions, and six for non-partisan local offices.

"Our candidates have helped to generate a greater interest in the LP, including an increase in membership," said Ledford. "The record-breaking number of candidates has certainly been worth the time and investment of all the folks involved in the campaigns."

The Tennessee LP ran nine candidates in the August elections, and has 12 on the ballot for the November election.

In addition, the LP achieved another milestone in August when LP Vice Chair **Heather Scott** was elected to a Wilson County commission seat, said Ledford.

■ TEXAS

LP candidates contest a majority of senate races

In an effort to change the makeup of the legislature, the state LP will field enough candidates in November to theoretically win a majority of seats in the Texas Senate.

With 17 Libertarian candidates in 31 Senate districts, Texans will be able to cast votes to rein in the "unbridled growth in spending that has led to the massive \$7 billion projected deficit," said LP Political Director **Robert "Rock" Howard**.

"Our candidates thought that targeting the Senate made sense in light of the massive budgetary problems that the ineffective entrenched parties have spawned," he said.

In addition, Howard said the 49 Libertarian candidates for the State Senate and State House — as well as several Libertarian candidates for statewide office — are currently drafting a Libertarian version of a state budget that focuses on fiscal responsibility.

In all, the Texas LP is running more than 155 candidates in the November election, a new state party record.

■ TEXAS

Jeff Daiell runs TV ads with 'flaming Liberty'

LP candidate for governor **Jeff Daiell** has started running a Libertarian-produced television ad that he hopes will light a fire under his campaign.

Created by California LP activist **Doug Scribner**, the ad shows the Statue of Liberty embroiled in flames, and features Daiell's three major campaign proposals set to music.

"The Flaming Liberty ad is effective because it shows that an LP candidate can have a well-made ad, and because it gets across three platform



Talking freedom at the Mass. Freedom Rally

■ Massachusetts LP U.S. Senate candidate **Michael Cloud** speaks at the 13th Annual Freedom Rally on the Boston Common on September 14. To a crowd of 35,000-40,000 at the so-called "Hempday" festival, Cloud said a vote for Libertarian candidates is a vote to "declare a drug peace [and] end drug prohibition."

Cloud, who is running in a two-way race against Democratic incumbent U.S. Senator John Kerry, also said his opponent is a "militant Drug Warrior" who shreds the Constitution in the name of "the greater good."

About three dozen Massachusetts LP volunteers handed out Libertarian literature at the event, which was hosted by Mass Cann/NORML and featured live bands and vendors, said LP activist Kay Pirrello.

"This was a great day for liberty," she said. "A great day for the Libertarian Party. A whole day of music and freedom possibilities."

LP gubernatorial candidate **Carla Howell** also spoke. She told the crowd that if she is elected and "the federal government sends DEA agents into Massachusetts to arrest responsible marijuana users, Governor Carla Howell will order state police to arrest the DEA agents."

planks quickly," said Daiell.

The 60-second TV commercials began airing on September 16 in the Houston area, said Daiell, and were supplemented a week later by additional 30-second spots.

By late September, over 70 ad spots had been purchased on the SciFi, TV Land, and Oxygen channels.

For more information about the Daiell for governor campaign, visit: www.jeffdaiell.lpcandidate.com/.

■ TEXAS

Polk County LP blasts 9/11 liberty violations

The federal government is trying to "protect freedom by destroying it" in the wake of September 11, charged

a Polk County LP officer in a statement released on the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

LP County Chair **Kris Overstreet** said increasing government surveillance powers, the federalization of airport security, and threats to initiate war against Iraq are unacceptable incursions on liberty.

"The administration, and the Congress which supports it, justify these absurd and dangerous violations of American civil liberties by waving the flag of war over our heads," he said.

Instead of compromising liberty at home and sending troops to topple Saddam Hussein, the U.S. government should be focusing its attention on capturing the mastermind of the September 11 attacks: Osama bin Laden, said Overstreet.

"If the President and Congress are serious about ending threats to our freedom, the least they could do is capture one murderer before attacking another," he said. "If we do go to war, we leave Osama bin Laden and his followers free to strike again."

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THE REVIEW

Cato's birthday present

■ *Toward Liberty*, edited by David Boaz. 460 pages, hard bound. Cato Institute. \$19.95. Available at: www.cato.org.

Reviewed by Bill Winter

LP NEWS EDITOR

Imagine a buffet table, crammed end-to-end with 50 of your favorite dishes. *Toward Liberty: The Idea That is Changing the World* is the intellectual equivalent of that buffet table.

Published to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Cato Institute, the book is a collection of 50 essays, interviews, and speeches from an impressive array of authors: José Pinera, the architect of Chile's privatized pension system; former Czech Republic Prime Minister Václav Klaus; bestselling humorist P.J. O'Rourke; and Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman.

The range of the book is broad: It addresses everything from the fall of Communism to U.S. foreign policy, and from government regulation to the "myths" of individualism.

However, as editor David Boaz notes in his introduction, the book represents "just a small fraction of the thousands of studies, books, articles, op-eds, and essays" Cato scholars have produced. If nothing else, *Toward Liberty* will remind you of the prodigious amount of work this think tank has done over the last quarter century.

The essays are also a stunning reminder of how much the world has changed since 1977 — a year, Boaz notes, of "Jimmy Carter. Energy czars. Gas lines. Raging inflation. Mao Tse-tung. The Soviet Union... It was a different era."

But the more things change, the more things remain the same. That's why some chapters, written years ago, could have been ripped from today's headlines. For example, the 1998 essay by Ivan Eland, "Does U.S. Interventionism Overseas Breed Terrorism?" is stunningly prophetic in the wake of September 11.

Eland definitively answers his question with a quote from the Defense Science Board's 1997 Summer Study Task Force on Department of Defense Responses to Transnational Threats: "Historical data show a strong correlation between U.S. involvement in international situations and an increase in terrorist attacks against the United States."

An essay by Ted Galen Carpenter, "From Republic to Empire: The Constitution and the Evolution of U.S. Foreign Policy" (1987) should be mandatory reading for all lawmakers who are contemplating an invasion of Iraq. Writes Carpenter: "John Quincy Adams asserted that a grave corruption of fundamental American values would occur if the United States abandoned its commitment to noninterventionism. America, Adams proclaimed, 'goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy.' " Sadly, in 2002, it does.

Every chapter boasts an interesting insight. For example:

■ William A. Niskanen on the legal profession: "Our army of lawyers is about as large as the U.S. Army and is almost as dangerous."

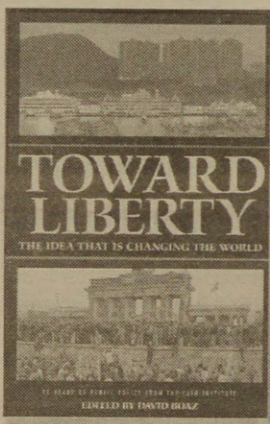
■ Tom G. Palmer on the failure of Communism: "In Romania, during the forced industrialization that followed the Second World War, almost all the horses were killed because, after all, in a modern society no one would need them anymore; everyone would have a tractor. Well, the tractors were never produced, so people began to breed horses in secret. Today horses are the most common means of transportation in the countryside."

■ Ian Vásquez on why IMF bailouts to bankrupt countries only encourage profligate spending: "As James Glassman has stated, capitalism without bankruptcy is like Christianity without Hell."

In any buffet, there are always a few bowls of lima beans — entrées that are good for you, but hard to choke down. This book has a few. But they are far outnumbered by the savory entrées. Everyone who reads *Toward Liberty* will have a favorite. Mine was Ed Crane's caustic account of his 1982 trip to then-Communist Russia.

Usually, at a birthday party, the person celebrating the birthday receives the presents. With *Toward Liberty*, the tables have been turned. This book is a 25th birthday present from the Cato Institute to anyone who cares about liberty and public policy.

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In Illinois, Cal Skinner is snubbed in televised gubernatorial debates

Illinois LP gubernatorial candidate Cal Skinner appears to have been locked out of any televised debates, after a bid by the Illinois League of Women Voters (LWV) to sponsor a debate that included the Libertarian was unexpectedly rejected.

The *Chicago-Sun Times* reported on September 12 that Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rod Blagojevich and Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Ryan had rejected the LWV's application to host a debate — the first time in 30 years it has been denied such an opportunity.

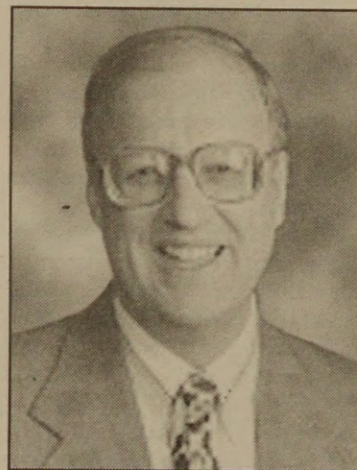
The decision was crucial because the LWV had promised to invite Skinner to participate in its debate if the former Republican legislator received at least 5% of the vote in an independent poll.

That criterion was met in early September, when Skinner garnered 5% in a poll published by the *Daily Southtown* newspaper.

Afraid of Skinner

Libertarians blasted the Republican and Democrat for being afraid to debate Skinner, an outspoken political reformer with 16 years of experience in the State House.

"The only reason Blago and Jimbo scheduled debates without League sponsorship is that they're afraid of Cal," said Jim Tobin, LP lieutenant gubernatorial candidate. "Skinner is an excellent debater and would have



■ Illinois LP gubernatorial candidate Cal Skinner: "I'm not going to let [Blagojevich and Ryan] get by without feeling a little bit guilty."

exposed the lies and hypocrisy of the other two candidates. No wonder the trembling twosome chickened out!"

Local newspapers also denounced Blagojevich and Ryan for excluding Skinner from the debates.

Commentary editor Tim West wrote on September 29 in five newspapers in the Sun Publications chain: "Skinner may well be a better debater than the others. He is livelier and says what he thinks."

"The Libertarians ought to be in the debate. It's a matter of fairness, even though that is a word that is not in the politicians' handbook."



The *Beacon News* editorialized on October 1: "How much more hypocritical can we be than to have a democratic political process that excludes candidates?"

Spokespersons for Blagojevich and Ryan claimed they had to sift through 30 applications to arrive at sponsors for four agreed-upon debates, and merely wanted to "give [the debates] to some organizations that hadn't done debates before."

Confused by decision

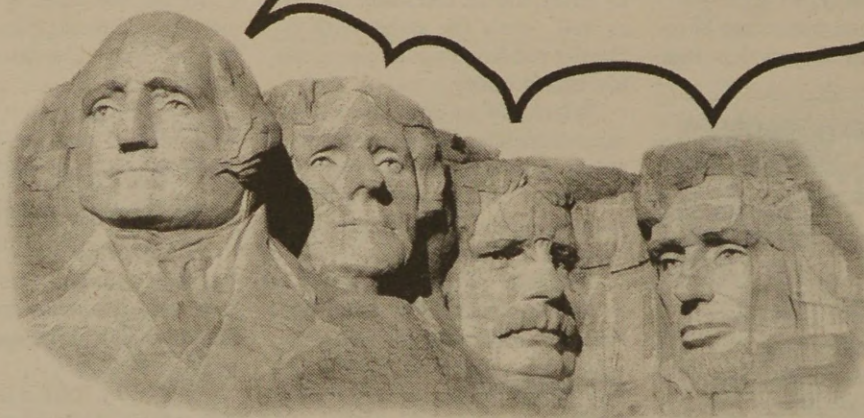
Illinois LWV President Barbara Lippai said she was confused by the decision to reject her group's application since the LWV is widely believed to have "carved out a niche" for debate sponsorship.

"[It's] kind of like when someone doesn't want to take you on a date, [and] it is kind of hard to find out why," she said. "[Blagojevich and Ryan] just didn't want to date us. We were surprised."

But Skinner said it was no mystery why the candidates decided to pass over the LWV application — and why none of the other debate sponsors.

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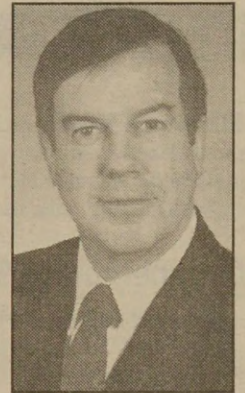
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Neither the *Boston Globe* nor the *Boston Herald* report on John Kerry's U.S. Senate votes for Mandatory Minimums, Asset Forfeiture, and locking up 1,000,000 non-violent drug offenders. Nor his sponsoring and passage of a \$1.4 Billion military aid package to Columbia to fight the Drug War. Nor his blocking of state choice on Medical Marijuana.

Why?

The *Boston Globe* doesn't report U.S. Senator John Kerry's Drug War voting record because it would shatter his image as a likable and tolerant Massachusetts liberal. It would rip apart his carefully crafted consensus. It would divide the Massachusetts Democratic Party.

The *Boston Herald* doesn't report U.S.

Senator John Kerry's Drug War voting record because they like the way he votes.

That's why both the *Globe* and the *Herald* have a policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell..." about John Kerry's Drug War record." The Boston ABC, CBS, and NBC News follow their lead. So do the rest of Massachusetts' newspapers.

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THE ISSUES

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each month, "The Issues" will highlight several recent Libertarian Party press releases. To get the complete text of all press releases issued by the LP, send a message to "announce-request@lp.org" with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

Commemorate 9/11 by restoring our rights

As the nation commemorated the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Libertarians urged the government to pay tribute to the victims by restoring Americans' full Constitutional rights.

"September 11 is a day for Americans to proclaim, 'We will never surrender,'" said Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party executive director. "We will never surrender to the terrorists who threaten our safety, nor will we surrender our fundamental liberties to the government."

On the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks that claimed nearly 3,000 lives, Americans relived the shock of the event and struggled to come to grips with the "day that changed everything."

As Americans participated in displays of patriotism, Libertarians urged the government to restore the freedoms that were taken away in the aftermath of the attacks.

"In the trauma following the 9/11 attacks, an anxious public was clamoring for politicians to 'do something,'" said Dasbach. "Unfortunately, they did the wrong thing, by passing laws restricting the freedom of innocent people."

For example, just six weeks after the event, Congress passed the Patriot Act, which expanded the government's power to tap phones, monitor the Internet, and conduct 'sneak-and-peak' searches.

Now Congress and the president should admit that mistakes were made in the post-9/11 rush to legislate, said Dasbach.

"It's time to repeal the Patriot Act before any more damage is done to American freedom," he said.

Treat all drug users like governor's daughter

Florida Governor Jeb Bush has a moral obligation to pardon every nonviolent drug offender, Libertarians say, after insisting that his daughter's latest drug episode was a "family matter."

"Why is Noelle Bush sitting in a rehab center while other drug-law violators are rotting in prison?" asked Ron Crickenberger, LP political director. "The answer is obvious: Because her father happens to be a hypocritical governor who believes in one standard of justice for his family and another standard for yours."

Police were called to the Center for Drug Free Living in early September after employees reported finding a "white, rocklike substance" believed to be crack cocaine in Noelle Bush's shoe.

The 25-year-old daughter of the Republican governor wasn't immediately arrested, police say, because clinic supervisors refused to cooperate with police and wanted the matter handled "in house."

Gov. Bush, whose daughter has had previous drug violations, told the Associated Press: "This is a private issue as it relates to my daughter and myself and my wife."

But the question Libertarians are asking is: Why shouldn't every American get the Noelle Bush treatment?

"Governor Bush is right that drug abuse should be treated as a medical problem rather than as a criminal problem," said Crickenberger. "Unfortunately, Bush is an ardent drug warrior who believes in throwing individuals in jail for committing the same crime as his daughter — which makes him a despicable Drug War hypocrite as well."

The Iraq invasion: What's the real motive?

The Bush administration's negative reaction to Iraq's offer to readmit U.N. weapons inspectors undermines the president's argument for invading Iraq, Libertarians say.

"President Bush's approach to Iraq is full of con: Confusion, convulsion, and contradiction," said Steve Dasbach. "He claims Saddam Hussein must be toppled to protect America from weapons of mass destruction, then pooh-poohs Iraq's offer to admit the inspectors. It's time for the American people to ask: Why does George Bush really want to invade Iraq?"

For the first time since 1998, the Iraqi government agreed in mid-September to allow U.N. weapons inspections into the country "without conditions," according to Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

In response, White House spokesman Scott McClellan shrugged off the offer as "a tactic that will fail."

But that contradicts Bush's most frequent rationale for attacking Iraq, which is that it has weapons of mass destruction, said Dasbach.

"Insisting that the United States should attack before conducting inspections is the political equivalent of scheduling an execution before the trial is held," he said. "How can Bush claim a pre-emptive strike is the only way to destroy Iraq's weapons before inspectors have gathered evidence that those weapons exist? What really needs to be inspected is George Bush's case for invading Iraq."

LP sculptor creates memorial to victims of Pentagon 9/11 attack

Michael Cappetta says the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 are engraved in his memory. Now, Cappetta has engraved the attacks in stone.

A Libertarian Party member from Barre, Vermont, Cappetta is the sculptor of the Pentagon Memorial, which is now on display in Section 64 of the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Dedicated on September 12, the granite sculpture commemorates the 184 lives lost after terrorists crashed an airplane into the Pentagon last year — an attack many Libertarians believe was triggered by the U.S. government's interventionist foreign policies.

But Cappetta, 47, said he didn't create the five-sided figure to make a political statement.

"I created it as a tribute to the victims and their families," he said. "I just wanted to give something to them that might help them to heal."

A sculptor for 22 years, Cappetta has created works such as the Korean War Memorial in Brentwood, New York, the Nautical Bench in Annapolis, Maryland, and the Manhattan Bridge Project in Manhattan Plaza, New York.

Unique challenge

But when the Vietnam veteran accepted the commission to create the Pentagon Memorial from Granite Industries of Vermont in June, he knew it was going to be a unique challenge.

"Vermont granite is 10 times harder than marble," he said. "It was one of the most tedious sculptures I



■ The Pentagon Memorial, on display at the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, was crafted by LP member Michael Cappetta. "I created it as a tribute to the victims and their families," he said.

ever did. But it was worth it."

For 11 weeks, Cappetta worked numerous 12-hour days, chiseling away at the shapeless slab of stone to transform it into what would eventually become the final testament to the September 11 casualties.

Cappetta said he had "no artistic license" with the structure, and had to work according to strict specifications, including etching the name of each victim into metal plaques on each side of the figure.

The project deadline was September 5, one week prior to the date when a ceremony for the families of the September 11 victims would take place at Arlington Cemetery.

Despite the difficulty of the assignment, Cappetta said thoughts of the victims and their families motivated him to press on with his work.

Emotionally trying

"It was very emotionally trying for me to carve that piece," he said. "My heart goes out to the families of the victims of the attack."

At the dedication ceremony for the new memorial at the Arlington Cemetery amphitheater, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld delivered condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the attack on the Pentagon.

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Missouri LP U.S. Senate candidate arrested in protest against Iraq war

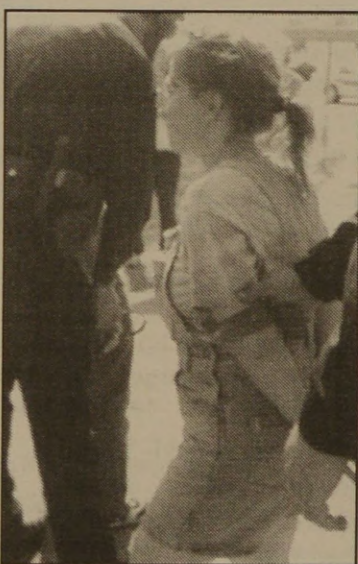
Missouri LP candidate for U.S. Senate Tamara Millay has been arrested for "obstructing a public thoroughfare" during an anti-war protest in St. Charles.

On October 1, Millay and 38 other activists peacefully blocked four exits at a local weapons plant, and refused to allow a shipment of Boeing cruise missiles to pass through. The protesters said the missiles were being produced for the impending war against Iraq.

When she resisted an order to move, police arrested Millay, 35, and took her to the local jail, where she was processed and released on \$100 bond after five hours.

A court hearing was scheduled for November 19. She faces a fine of between \$5 and \$500 and up to one year in the county jail if convicted.

Millay said she had no regrets about participating in the rally.



■ U.S. Senate candidate Tamara Millay is arrested after she blocked the entrance of a weapons plant in St. Charles, Missouri.

"I felt like I had an ethical obligation to be there, and I would have done it even if I was not a candidate for office," she said.

Millay said her participation in the protest stemmed from her opposition to plans by the U.S. government to launch an "unprovoked" war against the Iraqi government.

Theft, murder

"This is a clear case of tax money being taken from the pockets of working Missourians and used to prepare for war in a region where the U.S. has no legitimate security interests," she said. "I signed onto this demonstration because I can't condone theft followed by murder."

On the other hand, both Democratic candidate Jean Carnahan and Republican candidate Jim Talent support the war-building effort, noted

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Copeland axed as candidate for governor by California LP

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September 8, when the 46-year-old Copeland participated in a forum with other third-party gubernatorial candidates on Los Angeles radio station KABC-AM, with host Brian Whitman.

After a bitter debate over immigration policies, during which Copeland repeatedly attempted to talk over Whitman, the host shut off Copeland's microphone.

In response, Copeland started to walk out of the studio. He heard Whitman make an "insulting" remark, he said, so he turned around and spat on the host. The episode was broadcast live on the 50,000-watt station.

The next day, while the incident was being replayed and discussed on the Ken & Co. program with host Ken Minyard, both Copeland and Starr called into the show.

Starr said that Copeland attempted to defend what he had done by saying he had the right to "express himself" as an individual — a defense that Starr said was "hollow."

"When you seek the nomination of a party for public office and get it, you become an official representative of the party," said Starr. "From that point on, you have an obligation to conduct yourself accordingly."

In response to the incident, the California LP executive committee's four-part resolution:

- Rescinded the LP's endorsement

of Copeland's campaign, and called on him to cease all campaigning.

■ Censured Copeland for "unprofessional conduct," and urged him to apologize.

■ Urged the state legislature to enact a law allowing the LP to remove Copeland's name from the ballot, and to allow the party to select future candidates at convention, rather than

via a state-financed primary.

■ Urged the public to cast a write-in vote for Art Olivier.

The resolution had been filed by executive committee members Donna Nowland, Mark Selzer, Ted Brown, Mark Hinkle, and Keith Garrison.

The spitting incident was not the first time Copeland got into hot water over his campaign tactics.

In March, Copeland listed himself in the California state voter guide as a "practicing Celtic Druid Unitarian," and was later photographed in a full Druid robe and hood for an interview in the *Orange County Register*.

Libertarian crafts memorial to 9/11

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"They died within view of this cemetery," he said. "But they died on a battlefield. They died because they were part of a nation that was free."

As the artist behind the sculpture, Cappetta was given an invitation to attend the event, which he accepted immediately.

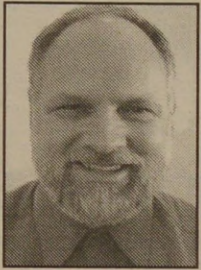
"I just had to be there, because it

was a part of history," he said. "I had tears welling up in my eyes. I'm grateful to have been a part of it."

As a Libertarian, Cappetta said he is opposed to many government undertakings. However, he balks at one question: Did he have any reservations about taking on such a project for the U.S. government?

"This is our country, and I stand behind it," he said. "I'm a patriot, and when I'm called, I can be counted on to do my part."

Cappetta has an art degree from Suffolk College in Brentwood, NY. He is married and has six children.



■ Gary Copeland: Spit on host.

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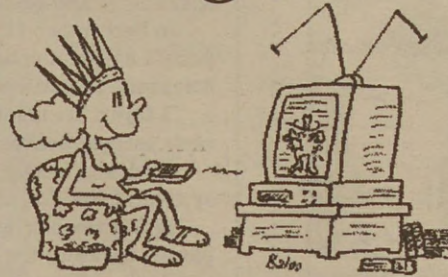
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Candidate arrested at anti-war protest

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Millay — and have benefited from that support.

According to Federal Election Commission reports, the Boeing Political Action Committee gave \$10,000 to Carnahan and \$4,500 to Talent in campaign contributions this year.

"Missouri is the 'Show Me State,'" said Millay. "I'm showing Missourians that I'm willing to put my money where my mouth is and risk arrest for my principles."

"Talent and Carnahan are showing Missouri's voters something, too — they're showing they'll put their corporate donors' money in their wallets and sell out the people they've pledged to serve, just to get elected."

Millay, who works as a research assistant in the department of psychiatry at Washington University in St. Louis, has previously run as a Libertarian for U.S. Senate and twice for the U.S. House.

For more information about the Millay for U.S. Senate campaign, visit: www.tamaramillay.org.

NEWS BRIEFS

Yankton LP supports arrested S.D. candidate

The Yankton Area Libertarians in South Dakota have passed a resolution in support of an LP candidate who was arrested for speaking out at a debate that excluded Libertarians.

On October 4, the group unanimously voted to "stand behind" gubernatorial candidate Nathan Barton, who was arrested on August 3 for protesting at the Huron State Fair's "Freedom Stage" after several LP candidates were refused an invitation to the debate. The resolution also asked the state to "cease this prosecution of Mr. Barton."

In addition, the Yankton Area Libertarians (YAL) agreed to conduct a protest at the Beadle County Court House on November 14, where Barton will be tried on charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing a law enforcement officer. If convicted, he faces 15 months in jail.

"Nathan has put his neck on the line for the right of South Dakota's citizens to be heard, as well as hear what all the candidates on the ballot have to say," said YAL Chair Ron Leeper. "The people of South Dakota need to step up and support Nathan."

Barton, 47, was forcibly removed from the debate after he loudly asked, "Where is Terry Begay [the LP candidate for U.S. House]?"

"There are three candidates on the ballot for U.S. House," Barton also said as he was led away. "Where is the third candidate?"

To contribute to Barton's defense fund, e-mail: sdliberty@aol.com.

Macron testifies before N.J. supreme court

Elizabeth Macron, the New Jersey LP's U.S. Senate candidate, testified before the state Supreme Court on October 2 in an unsuccessful effort to keep Democratic Senator Robert Torricelli's name on the ballot.

In the Trenton courtroom, Macron urged the justices to reject a Democratic Party request to list former U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg on the ballot instead of Torricelli.

"The harm [Democrats] ignore is allowing a party machine to circumvent the law for political reasons," said Macron.

Torricelli — nicknamed "The Torch" for his flamboyant and pugnacious personality — had unexpectedly withdrawn from the U.S. Senate race on September 30. Because his departure came 15 days after the legal deadline to replace him on the ballot, the Democratic Party filed a lawsuit to make the substitution.

Public opinion polls showed Torricelli, who had been rebuked by the U.S. Senate for taking illegal campaign contributions, trailing well behind Republican challenger Doug Forrester.

But Macron, representing the perspective of the Libertarian Party — which has long complained about restrictive ballot laws — said the Democratic Party seemed to think the purpose of election law is to "insure the dominance" of the two major parties.

"The two major parties are diligent about making sure that third party candidates dot all the I's and cross the T's," she said. "We believe they should be held to strict compliance as well."

Nevertheless, the court unanimously ruled in favor of the Democratic request, holding that it is "in the public interest and the general intent of the election laws to preserve the two-party system."

Macron disagreed, and said, "What sort of precedent is set by permitting party machines to add and subtract candidates at will? If this is a nation of laws and not men, then the laws should be enforced."

For more information about the Macron for U.S. Senate campaign, or to make a contribution, visit: www.macron4senate.org.

Alabama LP candidate shot in robbery

Libertarian candidate in Montgomery, Alabama was shot in the head in what police spokespersons are calling a "robbery gone wrong" at a local liquor store.

On September 22, Kellie Adams, candidate for county revenue commissioner, was shot by an unidentified assailant outside of the state-owned Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) store where she works.

Adams, 24, was immediately rushed to nearby Jackson Hospital, where a spokesperson said she was in "serious but stable" condition. A second ABC store worker was also shot, and died soon afterward.

Kellie Adams is the wife of Lyn Adams, the LP's candidate for lieutenant governor. Lyn Adams said the bullet entered the back of his wife's head and exited from her jaw, barely missing a major artery.

Lyn Adams said his wife thought she had been "struck by lightning" at the time the shooting occurred.

Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright offered a \$5,000 reward for anyone with information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the shooter.

During his campaign, Lyn Adams has largely focused on reforming the state's criminal justice system, emphasizing that jailing nonviolent offenders often forces the early release of dangerous thugs.



■ Elizabeth Macron: "Nation of laws."



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Culture clash: Chinese Communists meet Libertarians

■ A group of Communist Chinese visited the Libertarian Party to learn more about third parties in America — and emerged better informed, but somewhat "befuddled."

On September 11, a six-member delegation of Chinese scholars met with LP staff members at the party's national office in Washington, DC. The scholars represented the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Central Communist Party School.

"I think the meeting went very well," said LP Press Secretary George Getz. "The Chinese Communists seemed befuddled, and sometimes pleasantly surprised, by the Libertarian position on issues."

According to trip sponsors, the delegation was on a 10-day trip to research "the political party system of the U.S. and the relevance of a multi-party democracy to China's political development."

During the one-hour meeting, Getz and then-Executive Director Steve Dasbach (second from left in photo) spoke to the scholars about challenges that face third parties in America, described Libertarian ideology, and explained the party's stance on political issues.

At certain points, the Chinese guests appeared pleased with Libertarian principles, said Getz.

For example, when Dasbach told the delegation that Libertarians oppose trade barriers between nations, Getz said most of the scholars smiled widely.

"They seemed to have a genuine curiosity about third parties and what role they might play in a democratized China, and I think we satisfied that curiosity," he said.

Stricken LP ballot-access activist seeks funds for alternative medicine therapy

A longtime Libertarian ballot-access "warrior" has been stricken with deadly liver cancer, and is seeking donations to help pay for a non-FDA approved alternative-medicine therapy.

Karen Fincher, who with her husband Gary worked on dozens of LP ballot drives over the past seven years, faces death unless she can raise the money to pay for an experimental Chinese treatment, said Mary Ruwart, author of *Healing Our World*.

"According to standard medical practice, [Karen] has only a few months to live," she said. "Karen, however, has found a Chinese herbal specialist whom she believes can help her fight this."

Unfortunately, said Ruwart, Karen Fincher's insurance company won't pay for the cost of the treatment since it is not approved by the Federal Drug Administration.

"Without the FDA domination of the pharmaceutical industry, Karen's insurance would probably pay her bills," she said — especially since the herbal treatment is inexpensive compared to standard medical treatment.

Gary Fincher said the herbal

**"I WANT TO SEE
[Karen Fincher]
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— Mary Ruwart**

therapy consists of a combination of Chinese herbs, and is prescribed by a doctor who served in Beijing and studied traditional Chinese medicine. The various herbs should help build up the immune system, detoxify the liver, attack the cancer, and provide more energy, he said.

Gary and Karen Fincher have worked as full-time professional petitioners on LP ballot drives since they met during a Wisconsin term limits drive in 1995.

Together, they got Harry Browne on the ballot in Maine in 1996, as-

sisted with the Alaska LP voter registration drive in 1998, and helped qualify the Massachusetts income tax-repeal initiative in 2002.

A donation to the fund to help Karen Fincher will allow Libertarians to thank her for her years of work, said Gary Fincher — and strike a blow against FDA regulations.

Libertarian principles

"Donating would give Libertarians a chance to put their principles into action, since the FDA has impeded Karen's ability to get treatment from alternative medicines," he said. "And, we hope that if these treatments are successful and her life is saved, that it will be an example to the world how Libertarian principles work."

Ruwart said she has already made a contribution to the fund.

"I want to see her healed and back in the trenches helping us with ballot access once again," she said. "I hope you can join me in helping Karen in her time of need."

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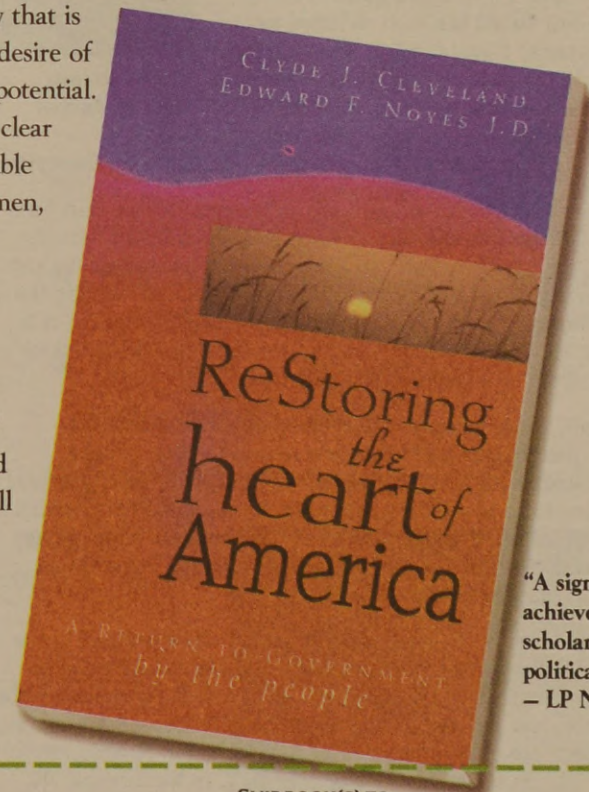
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Greedy capitalists, yahoos, and windmills

■ **Media news:** LP Political Director **Ron Crickenberger** appeared on the *O'Reilly Factor* on the Fox News Channel on September 18 to debate the uber-bellucose Bill O'Reilly. The topic: Florida Governor Jeb Bush's drug war hypocrisy. In Maryland, gubernatorial candidate **Spear Lancaster** appeared on the Chuck Brooks show on WCBM radio on September 14. **James W. Lark**, advisor to the University of Virginia's Liberty Coalition (and past LP national chair), was the subject of a "Professor Profile" in the September 17 issue of the student newspaper, the *Cavalier Daily*. Lark's best quote: "I actually don't like politics; I much prefer to talk to people about beer, science, and soccer."

■ In Washington state, **John A. Bennett** was elected Chair of the Clallam County LP. In Massachusetts, **Eryk Boston** has been appointed new executive director of the state LP. In Florida, **Amy Nafe** was elected Chair of the Indian River County LP. In Indiana, **Dennis Stork** was elected Chair of the brand-new Harrison County LP. In Florida, the Miami Dade LP appointed past Miami mayoral candidate **Emiliano Antunez** political director and spokesperson. In Virginia, **Leonard T. Harris** was elected Chair of the Henrico County LP.

■ **Political news:** American Conservative Union head Chuck Muth quit the Republican Liberty Caucus (RLC) in August, saying the group was composed of "rank amateurs" who were "all talk and no action." The RLC also had too many yahoos, pontificators, institutional pessimists, and James Carville wannabes, said Muth, and was doomed to "obscurity and irrelevance." The RLC tries to convince Libertarians to join the Republican Party so they can be "more effective." In Washington state, the LP held a 30th Anniversary Picnic in Seattle on September 21 to celebrate the founding of the state party. A *Boston Globe* editorial (September 7) on why voters should reject **Carla Howell's** initiative to repeal the state's income tax: If voters had that \$9 billion returned to them, explained the *Globe*, much of the money "would be frittered away on cars, home improvements, and vacations."

■ In Michigan, in an August 20 election, **Leonard Schwartz** came in eighth in a nine-way race for four seats on the District Court in southeast Oakland County. He won 4.31% of the vote. In Massachusetts, U.S. House (5th District) candidate **Ilana Freedman** participated in a televised debate with two potential Republican opponents on August 17. In Texas, gubernatorial candidate **Jeff Daiell** has been endorsed by St. Paul's Libertarian Mayor Pro Tem **Mark Wilson**. In Wisconsin, 20 students from seven University of Wisconsin schools attended a Student Leadership Seminar on September 3 to learn techniques to help Libertarian gubernatorial candidate **Ed Thompson**.

■ Two college Libertarian groups have gotten into the tee-shirt business: The **College Libertarians at Texas A&M** are selling a "Greedy Capitalist" shirt for \$15. Order at: <http://libertarians.tamu.edu>. And the **University of Central Florida Liberty Knights** are offering the "Tired of Dumbass Government?" shirt. On the back: A drawing of a Republican elephant ("Dumbo") and a Democratic donkey ("Jackass"). Cost: \$10. Order at: www.libertyknights.com.

■ In Illinois, a nice response from gubernatorial candidate **Cal Skinner**, when he was asked if he was running a "Don Quixote" campaign against his better-funded Republican and Democratic foes. "If I'm going to be Don Quixote, then Jim Ryan and Rod Blagojevich are going to be the windmills," he said. "The Jim Ryan windmill has blades that don't turn. The Rod Blagojevich windmill is a whirling dervish that crashes and burns."

■ **Miscellaneous:** In Michigan, **Jim Runestad** was appointed to the Committee to Review the Friend of the Court. The committee gives advice in parental custody disputes. In Colorado, U.S. Senate candidate **Rick Stanley** was arrested for the second time for Second Amendment civil disobedience on September 7. He was nabbed in Thornton for wearing a gun, in violation of a city ordinance. In Washington, DC, **Eric Caron** is no longer working as the national LP's development director. In Texas, the state LP's website has been given a comprehensive makeover. Visit www.tx.lp.org to see a top-notch Libertarian site.

■ In Indiana, three Delaware County LP candidates are seeking office: **Bob Trapp** for county auditor, **John Dobelbower** for Center Township assessor, and **Seth Lemons** for county council (District 3). In Texas, the **Harris County Libertarians** have scheduled 70 cable TV advertisements just before the November election. They are running the popular "Battered Voter" ad, and encouraging voters to call the national LP's 800 ELECT-US number and visit their website.



■ **Jeff Daiell:**
Gets endorsed.

CAMPAIGN 2002 REPORT

Rex Bell focuses on property rights in Wayne County Council campaign

Former Republican seeks one of seven seats on GOP-dominated board

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, Rex Bell was watching television in his home in Hagerstown, Indiana when he came across the national Libertarian Party convention on C-SPAN.

Almost immediately, the 50-year-old Bell knew he had found his new political home.

"It was very exciting to find out that there was a group of people who felt the same way I do about politics," he said. "Before that, I didn't even know there was a Libertarian Party."

Soon afterward, Bell helped organize an LP affiliate in Wayne County, a rural area of 75,000 residents located about 20 miles west of the Ohio state line. Bell has also assisted in recruiting 24 dues-paying party members and dozens of additional supporters.

Now, Bell is running for the District 2 seat on the Wayne County Council, a seven-member body composed entirely of Republicans in this heavily GOP-dominated county.

Bell himself had been a lifelong Republican before embracing his current Libertarian identity — although he said he had long felt that most Republicans were no more committed to downsizing government than Democrats.

"It left me"

"I didn't leave the Republican Party. It left me," he said. "After all these years, my beliefs haven't changed, but I now realize that many Republicans don't share them."

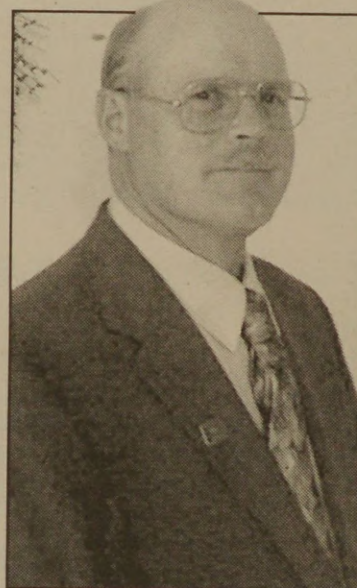
To advertise his campaign against his former Republican allies, Bell and other LP activists have been busy putting up campaign signs and passing out party literature at various public events.

In addition, Bell said he has purchased 16,000 copies of the *Hoosier Libertarian*, an outreach newspaper produced by the state LP, and will run it as an insert in the local newspaper along with a quarter-page advertisement for his campaign.

"The *Hoosier Libertarian* is a very good-looking and informative tool, and I'm pleased to put it to work for my campaign," he said.

Bell's campaign for office revolves around three words: Private property rights.

As a professional homebuilder, Bell said he knows firsthand that intrusive property regulations can create obstructions — or actually sty-



■ **Wayne County Council candidate Rex Bell:** "I didn't leave the Republican Party. It left me. After all these years, my beliefs haven't changed, but I realize that many Republicans don't share them."

mie — many county residents who want to build on their property. If elected to a four-year term on the board, Bell said he will try to repeal such regulations.

"Some of these ordinances are just completely ridiculous and unnecessary," he said. "It's fine if property owners want to preserve their land. But if they want to build on it instead, I don't think the county should stand in their way."

Bell also said he will look to privatize certain government services such as building inspections and local highway maintenance, and will examine the possibility of cutting the property tax after a future reassessment is completed.

"There are a lot of things that can be done to make the area a more libertarian place to live," he said. "You just have to be committed to making it happen."

Voters are aware

Bell said that many of the county's registered voters — estimated to be as many as 48,000, although Bell said it may actually be closer to 28,000 — have already become aware of the Libertarian presence in the area.

As evidence, Bell cites attendance at the annual Hagerstown parade in 2001, where far more Republican candidates showed up to rally public support for the GOP than has been the case in years past.

"I think the Republicans definitely know we are here," he said.

"They are getting the feeling this might not be a one-party county for much longer, and they are becoming concerned."

Furthermore, Bell believes that the days of Republican dominance may be numbered because the county council approved an unpopular measure to build a new county jail.

The \$50 million enterprise is an example of "a purely political project," said Bell, and has aroused "a lot of anger" among county residents.

"Everyone knows that the new jail is totally unnecessary," he said. "The only reason why it's being built is because the president of the council is an ex-sheriff, and this is a pet project that he's wanted to put in place for a while."

Fresh alternative

Bell said he believes people of Wayne County are ready for a "fresh political alternative," and predicted the local LP may have its first-ever victory in November.

"I do think this race is winnable," he said. "But at the very least, we should be able to gain enough new members to lay the groundwork for success in the near future."

Bell is married with three children. This is his first run for public office.

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Thompson excluded from first Wisconsin debate

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excluding Thompson made the debate the equivalent of a "PAC contribution" that exceeds the state's legal limit of \$43,128.

"We feel that the WBA is making an infomercial for the Republicans," said Thompson. "That's an incredibly wrong thing to do."

The WBA refused to invite Thompson to participate in the debate after he failed to win at least 6% of the votes cast in the primary election on

September 10. Thompson won about 2.2% of the vote, even though he faced no primary opponent.

To protest the exclusion, Thompson and a number of campaign supporters showed up at the Milwaukee TV station hosting the debate. Some of the protesters wore duct tape over their mouths, while others chanted, "Open the debate. Let Ed speak."

"This is a two-way race — the common people versus the career politicians and the special interests,"

said Thompson. "We need to have both sides in the debate. Anything less is just a big money sham."

Thompson has been invited to attend two later debates with the major party candidates, including one at the University of Wisconsin (UW) campus at Eau Claire on October 16, and one at the UW campus at Whitewater. No date has been set for that second debate.

In other campaign news, Thompson scored 6% in a public opinion poll

conducted by the University of Wisconsin Survey Center — although the Thompson campaign charged that the survey was biased.

Morby said the poll included only registered voters — not eligible voters, many of whom the campaign expects to take advantage of the state's Election Day voter registration to cast their vote for Thompson.

Thompson's advantage

As the campaign gears up for the stretch run, Morby said Doyle and McCallum have been running a "barage of negative television ads"

against each other — which should work to Thompson's advantage.

However, Morby said Thompson needs a substantial influx of last-minute campaign donations if he is going to become America's first Libertarian governor.

"We want to launch a huge radio ad campaign to boost Ed's name recognition and maybe get him into other televised debates," he said. "It's absolutely crucial that we secure more funding so that voters realize there is a viable third-party option."

For more information, visit: www.edthompson.com.

Election 2002: gains, setbacks

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candidates for all political parties have been invited," said Daiell.

In polling news, a few of the LP's highest-profile candidates have been registering levels of support significant enough to affect the outcome of the election — although still short of the votes needed to win.

■ In Wisconsin, Ed Thompson, the former mayor of Tomah, was polling between 6-7% in early October.

■ In Illinois, Cal Skinner, a former eight-term state legislator, was polling at around 5% in late September.

Around the country, a record number of minority candidates are running under the LP banner, according to statistics compiled by Wisconsin Libertarian Aaron J. Biterman.

African-American Libertarian candidates include Desiree Hickson (lt. governor, Colorado), Marva Manigault (State Superintendent of Public Schools, South Carolina), and Brad Thomas (U.S. House, Delaware).

Hispanic LP candidates include Lorenzo Gaztanaga (lt. governor, Maryland), Frank Gonzales (U.S. House, Illinois), Roberto Valletta (U.S. House, Louisiana), and Lance Flores (U.S. House, Texas).

New audiences

"With diverse candidates and a consistent message, the LP will continue to expand through reaching new audiences," said Biterman.

In other positive news, the *Denver Post* endorsed two Libertarian candidates: Steve D'Ippolito (State House, District 17) and John Berntson (State House, District 14).

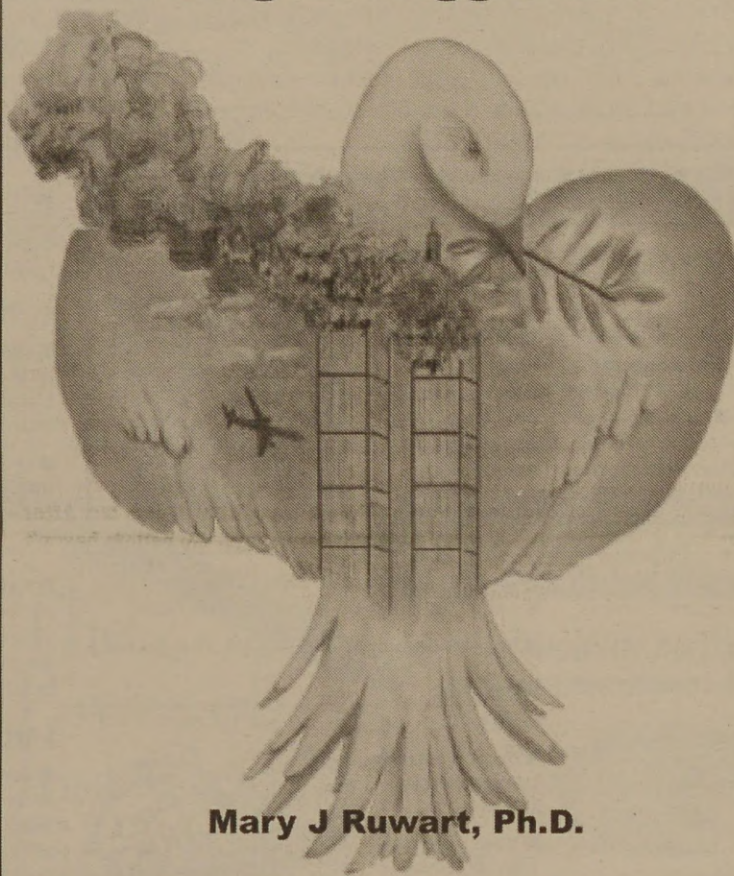
"Libertarian candidates have been out there doing their jobs — talking to voters, earning support, and working to get into debates," said Crickenberger. "On November 5, it's time for every LP member to do his or her job, and vote for the LP candidates on your local ballot."

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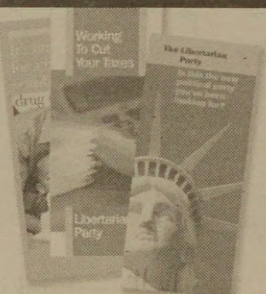


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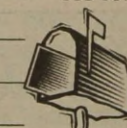
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About the author: Mark Holden is an LP candidate for State House (District 37) in Colorado. This essay is reprinted from the March 2002 issue of Colorado Liberty.

Skinner kept out of Illinois debate

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sors have seen fit to invite him.

"Illinois is such a corrupt state that the power parties have even co-opted the media who are sponsoring debates," he said. "That's proof that voters want to hear from a candidate with something new to say, and that they'll vote for him."

In response to the debate exclusion, Skinner ran an ad in Rockford and Freeport featuring "JimRod," a two-headed chicken that represents his "power party" opponents.

Radio ad blitz

The campaign is also blitzing the Chicago and Rockford-area airwaves with radio ads that promote Skinner's support for a concealed-carry law and his opposition to tax increases.

In addition, Skinner said he would perform a technological "end-run" around the debate exclusion. When Blagojevich and Ryan debated on October 7 in Rockford, Skinner answered the same questions the two candidates were asked — by posting them on his website.

And Skinner said his campaign is still poised to affect the outcome of the election.

"I'm not going to let [Blagojevich and Ryan] get by without feeling a little bit guilty," he said. "Both candidates think that I am not going to have an impact on this election. I already have and will continue to."

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■ **Remember:** Direct mail is opened over the trash can. You have three seconds to live or die. Devote as much time to your envelope as to the rest of the package, says Lea Peirce.

■ **In your letter, KISS — Keep It Simple, Stupid.** Cut out every unnecessary word and repetitive phrase, says Donna Baier Stein.

■ **Sell benefits, not features.** As *MBA Magazine* noted, "People want quarter-inch holes, not quarter-inch drills." For Libertarians, this means people want more take-home pay to spend on their family or favorite charity — not just dramatic tax cuts.

■ **A "live" First Class stamp** is more likely to get an envelope opened than a bulk-mail indicia or a metered-mail imprint.

■ **The word "you"** should outnumber the word "I" or "we" two to one in your copy, says Pat Friesen.

■ **Make every part of the package easy to read.** Avoid ALL CAPS, a lot of white lettering on a dark background, or cursive fonts. If you make material hard to read, people won't read it.

■ **Include a P.S. in your letter.** As many as 30% of your readers will read the P.S. first. The job of the P.S. is to tantalize them to go back and read the rest of the letter.

■ **Note:** The suggestions in this article were drawn from *Target Marketing* magazine and *Inside Direct Mail* magazine.

THE FORUM

The Libertarian Party's future: Strategy, ideology, marketing

Editor's note: The 2002 elections will soon be history, and Libertarians will start thinking about what comes next. To kick-start this discussion, *LP News* is devoting November's and December's Forums to the theme of "The future of the party." Topics will include strategy, philosophy, and marketing. For expanded versions of the essays printed below, visit the online "Forum" section of the November issue of *LP News*, at www.LP.org/lpnews.

Big Tent Libertarianism

We in the Libertarian Party often mistakenly assume that only someone who checks "Yes" on all questions in the World's Smallest Political Quiz is a true libertarian. In reality, that someone is going to land at the top corner of the big rectangle of the quiz. That corner of purist libertarianism is best described as anarchism.

What we have to realize is that the term "Libertarian" covers the whole quadrant. Democrats and Republicans have made this mistake before and we need to learn what they learned.

If you look at the quiz square, you will see the mistake. The pure Democrat is the Left Liberal pole and the pure Republican is the Right Conservative pole. When these parties realized that being identified with their respective poles was costing them serious votes, they corrected their mistakes and adopted the Big Tent approach. They toned down the rhetoric and took a step towards the center.

The Democrats and Republicans have learned their lesson. We need to be smart and make use of this knowledge.

David Brooks in his delightful and insightful book, *Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There*, talks about the new elite that straddles the previously antagonistic worlds of the bohemian (celebrating personal freedom) and the bourgeoisie (favoring the free market).

This class of people has learned from the experiments of the last century, and they are aware of the limits of politics. If the average bobo was to take the political quiz, I am certain they would land in the libertarian quadrant. I am equally certain that they will be uncomfortable calling themselves Libertarians!

We ought to realize that politics and policy-making are long-term projects. Politics is the art of the possible and we have to move towards liberty one step at a time. If we are to have a future that is more libertarian than today's reality, we have to make America comfortable with the libertarian label.

We have to consciously move away from the anarchist pole and invite the large number of Americans — especially the elite opinion-makers — who are genuinely sympathetic to our ideas into the big tent. It is time to move out of our ivory towers.

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Stick to our Principles

Libertarians claim to be the party of principle. We have clearly defined our principles and the philosophy behind them in David Bergland's book *Libertarianism In One Lesson*. Applying these principles and this philosophy to issues leads us to our positions of policy, our platform.

Formerly, Libertarians were defined by this philosophy.

Lately, we have erroneously given the impression that substantial agreement on a few issues defines Libertarianism.

As useful as the World's Smallest Political Quiz might be for identifying people who will tend to be sympathetic to our viewpoint, a Libertarian is not defined by 10 questions or even by substantial agreement with our entire platform. Libertarianism is a philosophy, a set of principles, not a list of issues.

Unlike the other parties that hold positions on issues based on political expediency, we hold ourselves to a higher standard; it says so on the label "Party of Principle." We are the Party of Principle, not the Party of Political Expediency.

We are not a party based on a coalition of splinter groups bundling unrelated "planks" into a compromise platform. We are a unified philosophy that has a political arm called the Libertarian Party. Our platform follows our philosophy, not the other way around.

We frequently lose elections because our pro-freedom positions are not popular. However we are increasing the popularity of our positions by advocating them in a principled

manner, rather than adopting more popular "transient" causes at odds with our principles. We are seeing more and more success as our positions win the hearts of large segments of the populace.

Instead of seeking to "win at any cost" — including the cost of abandoning our principles — we are more evangelical than political. We seek to persuade the public that our positions are better for them than the statist alternative. We offer them a choice.

There are some Libertarians who say that "Party Purity" is intolerant. Libertarians should accept socialists and other statists into the party and into our leadership in the name of tolerance and pragmatism ... or should we? I think not!

Many Libertarians have thought that compromising principles is necessary, but events have shown that compromise costs us our freedom. Without our principles we have no reason for existence as a party.

Let us not be afraid to stand on our principles. Give us Liberty, or give us death!

■ **About the author:** *Michael K. Barnett is a candidate for Florida House of Representatives (District 52).*

Sell freedom, positively

Whenver I think about Independence Day, I reflect on how fortunate I am to have been born in the United States. Compared with much of human history and certainly the rest of the world today, we live in a land of increasing opportunity and relative freedom.

We've all heard stories of people who came to this country with nothing, and made better lives for themselves and their children. They are the living testament proving that if you're motivated and self-disciplined, you can be successful, in spite of the government.

Those who complain about what we have today need to undertake an honest study of history and the assorted regimes from around the world.

Yes, there are those in government who may, through their misguided policies, slow down the ascent of Man, but they will never stop it. As Libertarians, we need to articulate a different vision.

No longer should we emphasize the evils of government; the pessimism and sour disposition will not

inspire people. Instead, focus on the benefits of Liberty; optimism is what will win over America and increase the net amount of freedom.

Because of individual liberty and free enterprise, we have longer life expectancies, higher incomes, better health care, lower infant mortality, and higher rates of literacy. Diseases such as tuberculosis, polio, typhoid, and whooping cough, commonplace a hundred years ago, are today either non-existent or very rare.

together for a common cause.

Let me explain why unification should be a priority.

■ **Objectivists:** Most Libertarians subscribe to the same basis for personal conduct as Objectivists — the prohibition of initiating force. But the objection of orthodox Objectivists isn't that libertarians don't accept non-initiation of force; it's that not all libertarians accept the entirety of Ayn Rand's writings as holy writ.

When the Objectivist criticizes the

Libertarian Party for not being pure enough, the root problem is brought forth. The Objectivist doesn't criticize his grocer, or claim that the grocer can't deliver the goods, because the grocer attends church on Sunday.

It is only in the realm of politics the Objectivist goes outside the matter at hand, and decides that his would-be service provider must be in complete agreement in all areas.

Until Objectivists awake to an understanding that Libertarian Party members are their allies, the party will continue to be at a loss.

■ **Independents:**

Not satisfied with Lib-

ertarian politics? Going independent? I guarantee you that more will be accomplished in a unified movement for liberty than any independent activist will ever achieve.

Do you feel the Libertarian Party should focus less on presidential races? Do you feel like the LP causes slightly more libertarian candidates to lose elections because they aren't pure enough?

If so, the solution is not to leave the party. Rather, the solution is to get more involved in the party.

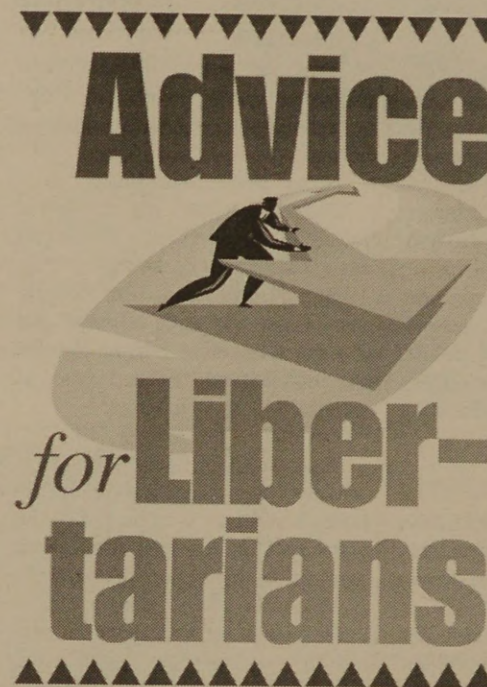
See a problem in the party? Don't leave the problems behind — focus your attention on changing the problems. Without activists who see the problems, it is likely that the problems will never be rectified.

■ **Burned-Out Activists:** Thinking of leaving the Libertarian Party?

Think again. The Libertarian Party has done more for liberty than any other movement in modern history. From the Cato Institute to the Republican Liberty Caucus, every other modern freedom movement pales in comparison to the results captured by the Libertarian Party in its relatively short 30-year history.

Conclusion: Libertarians leaving the party is the problem — unification is the solution. Let's work for a free America together. The time to act is now.

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The tycoons and royalty of yesteryear never had access to cheap power, instant communications, efficient transportation, personal computers, vaccines, microwave ovens, air conditioning, indoor plumbing, and hot and cold running water. Or permanent press pants. The list goes on and on. All these achievements occurred in spite of the burden of government.

I've stopped telling people that the Libertarian Party wants a free country; instead I say we want a freer country. More freedom will hasten the accomplishments that a free market and individual liberty can bring.

A freer country will expand the number of people coming out of poverty, create a cleaner environment, make war less likely through free trade, lengthen life spans, improve health, increase leisure, and make the pursuit of happiness an ever-easier endeavor.

At its heart, libertarianism is more than freedom; it is optimism about what human ingenuity can achieve. We need to let America know this.

■ **About the author:** *Aaron Starr is the State Chair of the California LP. This essay reprinted from the July 2002 issue of the LPC monthly.*

Freedom lovers must unite

Over the years, as the Libertarian Party gains more members, we also seem to lose devout freedom-fighters at a similar rate. If we as a political party are going to succeed, liberty-based persons from all political persuasions must come

Colorado LP snickers at spy files

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style training," he noted. Instead, it runs candidates for public office, engages in lobbying efforts, and "participates in peaceable demonstrations in support of individual rights.

"Why the Denver Police Department targeted for investigation the Libertarian Party for peaceably advocating the Bill of Rights remains a mystery," he said.

Overall, the revelation of a Liber-

tarian Party police file was "not a surprise, but it's an outrage," said Armstrong. "Apparently, peaceably advocating the Bill of Rights warrants a police investigation."

The mischaracterization of the LP's political nature does raise profound doubts about the intelligence of the Denver Police, said Berntson.

"The files themselves are laughable to the extent that they illustrate just how pathetically ill-informed the

Denver P.D. is," he said. "This is government inefficiency and stupidity."

The files became public knowledge this spring, and set off a firestorm of controversy throughout Colorado. Civil libertarians said the files were a worrisome invasion of privacy, similar to the surveillance files kept by former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

In response, Denver Mayor Wellington E. Webb instructed the police department to destroy the files

— but only after giving copies to the individuals and organizations that had been monitored.

"It was clear that something went wrong here," said Andrew Hudson, a spokesman for the mayor. "[Police] intelligence work is necessary, but has to be done right and in a way in which civil liberties aren't trampled."

Computer database

Begun in 1999, the spy files were in the form of a computer database. Records were kept on community activists, "social justice" organizations, and individuals who had attended

political meetings and rallies.

The ACLU has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the Denver Police Department over the files.

The release of the files began in early September. About 300 people and representative of about 70 groups crowded into police headquarters to review their files.

Walter Schlomer, the Colorado LP's fundraising director, picked up a copy of the party's file on September 5.

"It's an outrage," he said. "In spite of no record of illegal activity of any kind, the Denver P.D. felt it necessary to secretly spy on the LP."

Dasbach resigns as party director

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"I think anytime you leave, there is, some degree of regret that you weren't able to accomplish more for the organization," he said.

Neale, who took the party's helm after the national LP convention in July, said he hopes Dasbach will continue to be a presence in the party.

"I've had the pleasure of serving on the LNC with Steve in the past, and his service to the party is greatly appreciated," he said. "These kinds of transitions are always difficult, but I would like to move forward with the party's mission of moving American politics in a libertarian direction."

In his resignation letter, Dasbach said, "I appreciate having been given the opportunity to serve. I especially appreciate the efforts of our hardworking national staff, and the many LNC members, state chairs, and members who have supported our efforts over the past nine years."

Most proud

Dasbach said he was most proud that during his tenure as executive director and LP Chair (1993-98), the party enjoyed its biggest membership growth spurt in its 30-year history.

Annual party revenue also grew from about \$760,000 in 1993 to \$3.6 million in 2000. However, Dasbach said the party is currently suffering from one of its periodic cash crunches — triggered in part by the poor economy — and expects to raise just over \$2 million this year.

The decision to resign, said Dasbach, came in response to a growing discrepancy between himself and the LNC over a number of management, strategic, and tactical issues.

Nevertheless, he emphasized that the mutual parting was amiable.

"It's time for someone else to take over as executive director — someone who shares the vision of the LNC, and who has their complete confidence," he said.

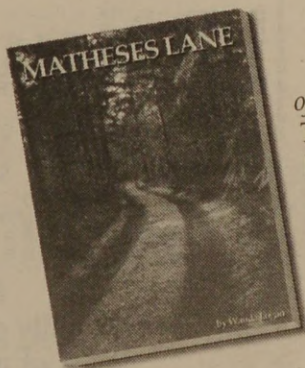
Dear Freethinker

You've probably heard people refer to you as "a loner" or "peculiar" just because you spend your free time as you choose—and because you choose to spend your free time with only the few persons you really like.

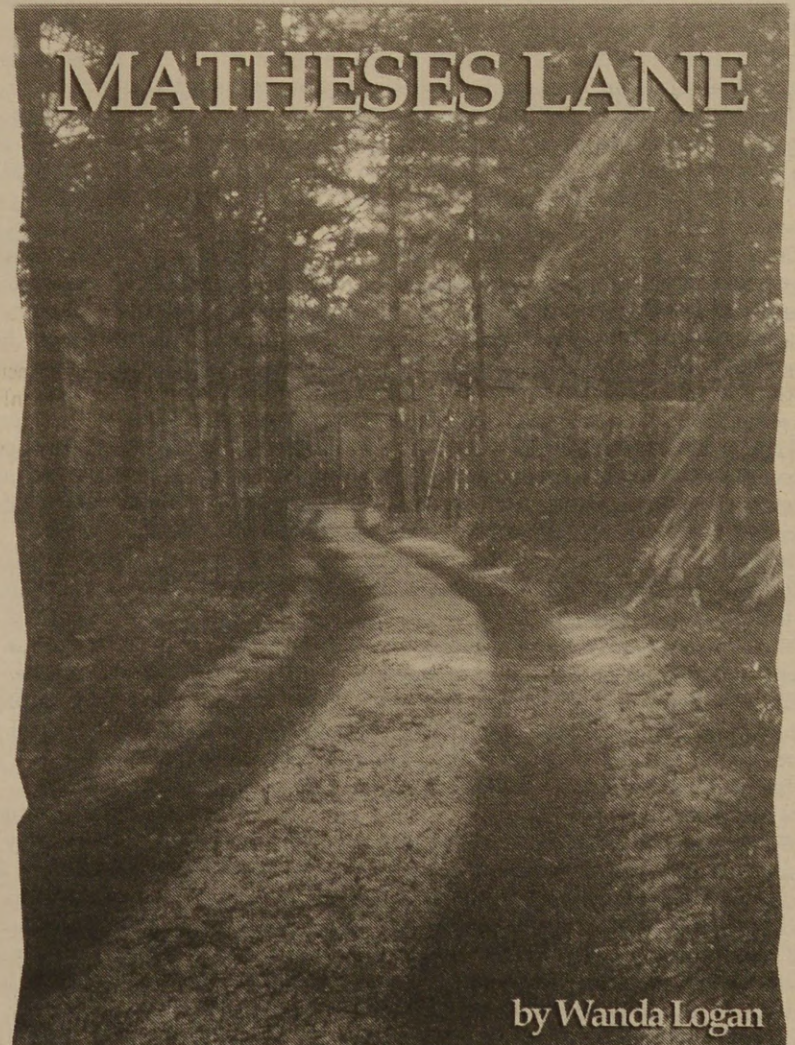
Maybe people have even called you "odd" or "weird" or "crazy" just because you find solitude and your own thoughts to be the best of all companions.

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THE CHAIR

'Interesting times' for the Libertarian Party

May you live in interesting times! I've been told this phrase was intended as a curse, but we have to accept it not only as a reality, but as a challenge.

I certainly am living in interesting times. Since July, when I took office as Chair of the Libertarian Party, things have only become more interesting.

We are currently searching for a new editor for this publication. Bill Winter, our long-serving editor, is moving on. He will be missed, but he's dedicated to making our transition to a new editor as smooth and professional as possible, for which I thank him most sincerely.

Our Executive Director, Steve Dasbach, has submitted his resignation. He will be on staff through much of November. Much of where the Libertarian Party is today is due to his contributions during his five years as National Chair, and his four years as Executive Director. Finding a replacement for Steve will require time and diligence.

The Libertarian National Committee (LNC) decided that it was not appropriate for any executive director to retain the hire/fire authority dictated by our Policy Manual once notice was given, and therefore, designated that Steve Dasbach be reclassified as a "transitional consultant" during his remaining employment period.

The LNC then decided that the Bylaws and Policy Manual indicated that the Chair should assume all responsibilities of the executive director in the absence of someone in that role. Since that time, and until we have hired an executive director, I will be acting as executive director as well as Chair.

Some members have pointed out that this appears to be in conflict with the Policy Manual, which states that no employee shall sit on the LNC. However, the key component of an employee relationship is compensation. I am receiving no compensation for assuming the responsibilities of executive director, and also receive no compensation as your Chair. Believe me — it is in the best interests of both myself, and the party, to find and engage an executive director as soon as possible.

We find ourselves, once again, in a financial deficit. Non-profit organizations of every kind are finding these to be very lean times indeed. For the Libertarian Party, however, the situation is more critical. We cannot afford to exhibit characteristics that we decry in others. We cannot claim to be champions of personal responsibility without addressing the fact that a certain level of irresponsibility has led us to this situation. We must be an example to others of how organizations should be run.

We have a deficit of around \$200,000 as of my writing this column. This is a lot of money, but it is not insurmountable. To illustrate just what it would take to erase this deficit: if every member sent the equivalent of a Big Mac each week for a month, we'd have eliminated the deficit completely.

The LNC is addressing the process, procedure, and system inadequacies that led to this current deficit. I have conversed openly and candidly with our former chair, James Lark, on this subject. The delegates at our National Convention chose a very talented, dedicated, and intelligent group of officers and representatives to populate our National Committee. Various members of the LNC are working on improving various aspects of our operations and structure.

Our staff has never lacked loyalty and dedication to our party and the cause of Liberty. For quite some time, however, I have believed that they have been working without the benefit of the tools and resources they need to do the best job they are capable of. I am committed to giving our staff these tools and resources.

I recently talked to a staff member who lamented the fact that it sometimes seems that each employee has 18 bosses (that being the number of people on the National Committee). I said that I understood this perspective, and said that it must be easier having 18 bosses than 25,000. That's the number of bosses I have, as your Chair. While the staff works for and reports to the LNC, the Chair works for and reports to the entire membership. I am dedicated to doing the best job I can in service to you, my bosses.

Change happens. We are striving to manage these changes as intelligently as possible. I ask you to be supportive of our staff, National Committee, and volunteers during these tumultuous times. We are all working on your behalf, and on behalf of liberty.



By Geoffrey Neale
LP NATIONAL CHAIR

Revitalizing American democracy: More competition, less regulation

By Jonathan Trager
LP NEWS STAFF WRITER

Imagine if you had only two choices when you watched television: *The Late Show* with David Letterman, or *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno.

Each of these programs has regular gags and bits, and you may be partial to one host over the other, but they are virtually the same. It probably wouldn't take long for you to become bored with this limited "choice," and you would tune out.

That's what has happened with the American political system. Bored to tears with the regular political gags and bits of the Democratic and Republican parties, tens of millions of Americans have simply "tuned out."

Consider this: In the 2000 presidential election, only about half of all eligible voters in America participated. Roughly 100 million people could have made their voices heard in the electoral arena, but instead chose to remain silent.

And that's in an election with a presidential contest. In non-presidential election years, the number of people punching ballots sinks further, with roughly two-thirds of eligible voters choosing to stay away from the polls.

Needless to say, public apathy toward politics isn't 100% attributable to the dominance of two parties. But there is plenty of evidence indicating that lack of political competition is a prime factor in the ongoing decline of American democracy.

103 out of 131

According to the Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, the United States ranks 103 out of 131 democracies when it comes to voter participation since World War II. In multi-party countries such as Denmark, Italy, Australia, and Ireland, election turnout rates are often 20% higher than in America.

Interestingly, low voter involvement is most pronounced among 18-to-24-year-olds, falling by almost 20% since 1972, when 18-year-olds first won the right to vote.

The lack of free and open competition among varying political viewpoints in U.S. politics has given rise to a number of organizations determined to "reform" democracy.

"The pulse of American democracy is fading, in spite of the closest presidential election in a century," writes Michael Mills, president and CEO of the Coalition for a Voting America.

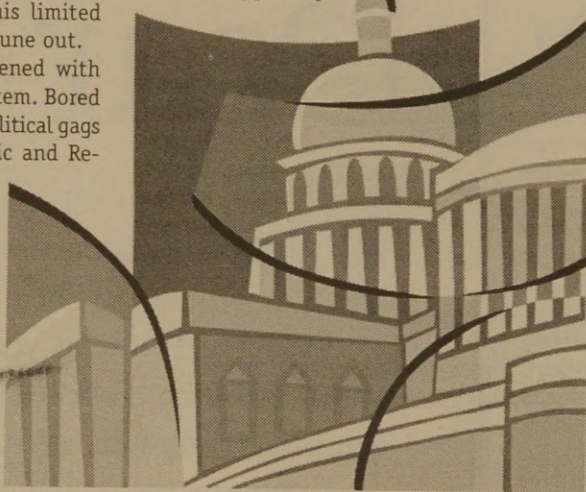
"Two tests of a democracy are whether it promotes majority rule and full participation," says Bob Ritchie, executive director of the Center for Voting and Democracy. "With third

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parties and independents a growing, healthy force in our politics, it's high time for a change."

But is the public open to the idea of allowing more players into the political arena?

Polls typically



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— The IDEA

say "yes." For example, a 1995 Gallup poll found that 60% of Americans wanted a third party to be competitive in the next presidential race, and that 54% would vote for the best candidate even if he or she seemed to have no chance of winning.

Not surprisingly, Republican and Democratic politicians in Washington, DC and in state capitals have not made promoting increased political

competition a legislative priority.

But if legislators were serious about rejuvenating democracy and turbo-charging American politics, they could:

■ Repeal campaign finance laws.

Which ones? Just about all of them.

Many "public interest" crusaders claim that campaign finance laws help clean up campaigns and prevent corruption. The reality is quite different, notes Federal Elections Commissioner Bradley A. Smith.

"For most of our history, campaigns were essentially unregulated, yet democracy survived and flourished," he writes. "However, since passage of the Federal Elections Campaign Act [in 1974] and similar state laws, the influence of special interests has grown, voter turnout has fallen, and incumbents have become tougher to dislodge."

Think about it: Incumbent politicians and entrenched political parties already enjoy high name recognition and free media exposure. But challengers need to raise an enormous amount of money to thrust themselves into the limelight, and fundraising and spending limits greatly hinder their ability to do so.

As a start, Congress should repeal the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2001, which prohibits unlimited contributions to parties and certain political advertising close to an election, as well as the Federal Elections Act of 1974, which caps donation limits to candidates.

In addition, mandatory reporting laws should also be thrown out. If that were done, anyone could donate to whomever they want without fear of political retaliation, and voters could decide for themselves whether to vote for a candidate who does not voluntarily report his or her donors.

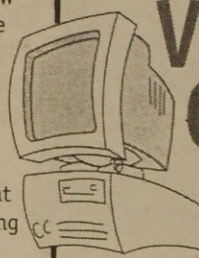
■ **Change presidential debate criteria.** Participation in televised presidential debates — the "Super Bowl" of political debates — is controlled by the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD). This allegedly non-partisan commission is currently chaired by former heads of the Republican National Committee and the Democratic National Committee.

That's probably why the CPD has created a Catch-22 for third party candidates: In order to be included, a candidate must be polling at least 15% in several public opinion polls — an impossible achievement for most candidates if they have not yet appeared in a debate.

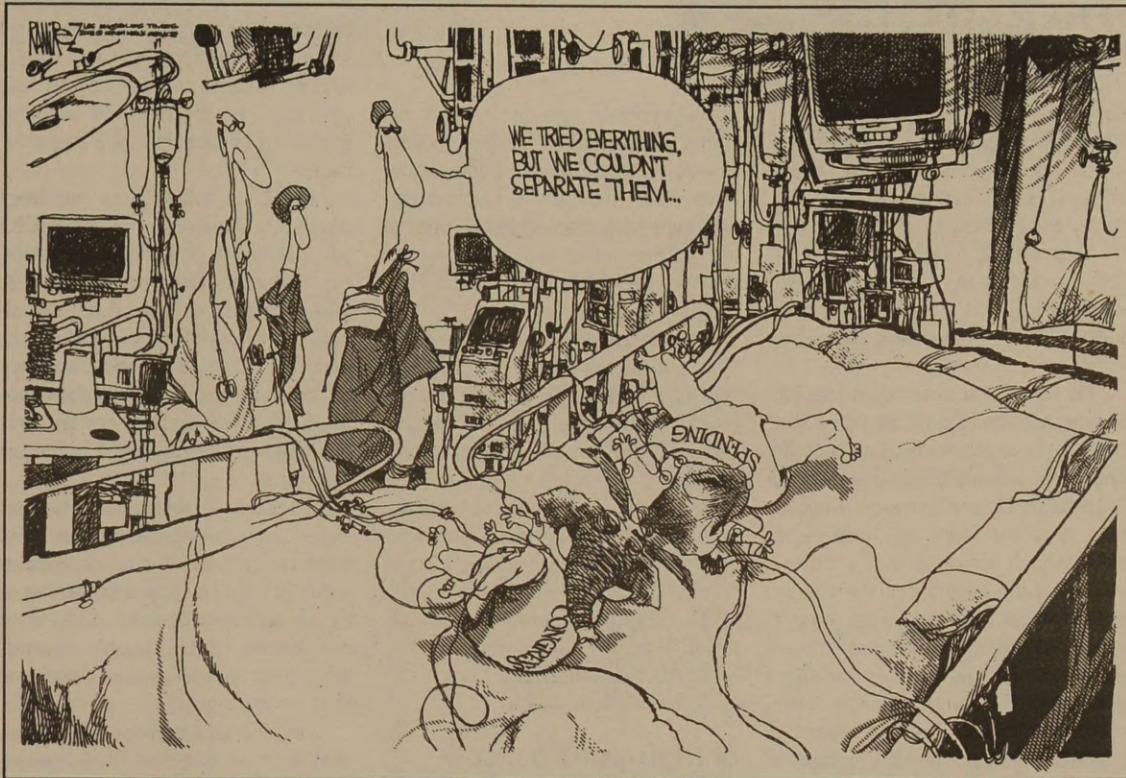
A far more reasonable requirement would be to include any candidate who will appear on enough state bal-

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THE MAILBOX



■ Attention grabbing

I heartily agree with Ken Obenski that the *LP News* would be a much better recruiting tool if the more attention-grabbing headlines were on the front and not buried inside. [The MailBox, October 2002]. We all leave our *LP News* at our local coffee house when we're done with it, right?

The *LP News*' avowed goal of "keeping LP members informed about party activities" wouldn't suffer in the least.

— **MARTIN JOHNSON**
Urbana, Illinois

■ Guns and freedom

The October 2002 *LP News* Talking Points had a snippet from *Harpers* that U.S. troops are currently stationed in 148 countries. The title you placed over that snippet was "147 too many," as if to support the rightist notion that troops should only be stationed in the U.S.

While I agree that military force should only be used to actually defend the U.S. and not police the world, I suggest that a standing army is still undesirable.

This is fully relevant since the Pentagon's "Northern Command" officially took command of North American U.S. military forces on October 1, 2002, formally establishing a standing army here in violation of Federalism and the clear intent of the Second Amendment.

If America's 70+ million gun owners were allowed to exercise their right to bear arms and carried them in public places openly, then crime, invasion, and terrorism would be nearly impossible. Every adult should

be responsible for defending him or herself, his or her family, community and nation.

With freedom comes responsibility. Denying that responsibility is denying freedom. Deferring that responsibility to others inevitably leads to a militaristic police state.

— **JEFF CHAN**
Los Altos, California

**"I SUGGEST A
simple name change
to the Federal Party.
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■ TIPS vs. SPIT

I enjoyed Steve Dasbach's comments on the TIPS citizen-spy network in his editorial "Who Poses the Greater Danger to Our Liberty?" [From the Director, September 2002]. Could it be that TIPS is a backwards way to SPIT on the Constitution?

— **BILL BAHR**
Bloomington, Illinois

■ Federal Party

I suggest a simple name change from National Committee, National Convention, and National Party to

Federal Committee, Federal Convention, and Federal Party.

This would distinguish the Federal LP from other parties who believe it is fine to run national dictators. The Federal Party would run candidates for Congress and president, limited by the Federal Constitution of the United States.

Simple, yes. But words mean things. Let's move debates onto our home court. I believe the mindset of voters will shift with the word change.

I realize some Libertarians are not federalists. At the "National" Convention, some argued against regions selecting Judicial Committee members because it may eliminate the best candidates. By this reasoning, we should junk two senators from each state and elect the hundred best people.

Let's debate this one year then unite for our 2004 "Whatever" Convention.

— **ED GLUCK**
Terre Haute, Indiana

■ Drug test

Two years ago, I challenged the leadership of the Libertarian Party to poll the membership regarding the legalization of drugs. For or against? The challenge still stands.

— **GEORGE T. PERKINS**
Worcester, Massachusetts

■ Candidate quality?

As a member of the Libertarian Party for about three years, and as a libertarian for longer than that, I'm finding that I'm becoming increas-

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THE PULSE

The Green team?

Mix the emerald, aquamarine, and chartreuse of the Green Party platform with the red, white, and blue of Libertarian Party ideology, and what do you get?

If it was paint you were mixing, you'd get a muddled mess of indistinct colors. If it was political parties, you get pretty much the same thing. At least, that's according to the sharply divergent response of *LP News* readers to this month's Pulse question.

In answer to the query — "Should the Libertarian Party work more closely with the Green Party?" — Libertarians colorfully disagreed.

No way, said exactly one third (33.3%), who were vehemently opposed to any Libertarian/Green alliance. The Greenies, said one irate reader, want to "destroy all liberty," and such a partnership would be like teaming up with the Nazis.

Yes, definitely work together, said another 28.2%. An LP/GP hookup is a great idea, said those neighborly respondents, since the two parties share "common goals" and agree on many issues.

Maybe, said a plurality of 38.5%. There are certain issues — like ballot access and corporate welfare — where Greens and Libertarians agree, they said. The parties should work selectively on those areas of agreement, while making it clear we oppose government-loving Greens on other issues.

Here's a representative rainbow of responses:

■ While many Greens are our philosophical opposites, we do agree on many issues. We should work with them. The idea that we only work with those who agree with us on every issue is absurd. American politics is all about coalition building. To exclude others groups is to confuse Libertarian philosophy and Libertarian politics.

— **JOEY KING**, La Vergne Tennessee

■ Why would you wish to embrace the Nazi and Communists in the Green Party? They want to destroy all liberty and put all their enemies behind bars. The Republicrats are bad enough. We have very few agreements with the Greens, and have much to lose.

— **ROBERT WILLCUTT**, Kemp, Texas

■ I'm in the middle on this issue. I agree that we should work with other parties and organizations, but only on those issues that resonate with the LP platform.

— **JEREMY CRANFILL**, Salt Lake City, Utah

■ If you print in *LP News* the platform of the Green Party, that would end all discussion of joining with them in anything. What a joke!

— **WILLIAM BERGER, JR.**, Lexington, Kentucky

■ We set up OPH booths at two Nader/Green events this year. In total, 604 people took the quiz, 196 scored Libertarian or borderline Libertarian, and 156 left e-mails or addresses. Green events are a gold mine for poaching Libertarians.

— **WES BENEDICT**, Austin, Texas

■ Work with the Green Party on what? Fighting global warming? Nationalizing forests? U.S. approval of the Rio accords? Increasing taxes? Or are we talking about fighting for elimination of ballot barriers? It makes a difference. If we're talking about an overall alignment with the Greens, then my answer is a definite no. But if we're talking about working with them on issues where we have agreement, then absolutely yes!

— **WALT THIESSEN**, Simsbury, Connecticut

■ I'm torn between "no," "hell no," and "you're kidding, right?" The fact the Green Party opposes the status quo doesn't automatically make them our allies. After all, a change in the status quo isn't always for the better — especially in regard to a party which opposes the status quo for not being totalitarian enough.

— **BRENDA SHAFFER SHIRING**, Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania

■ Yes, work more closely with the Greens. They are our allies, in that they are the enemy of our enemy, but they are not our friends. Help them when it is to our advantage. Just remember that any help to them is for our benefit, temporary, and conditional.

— **ERIC TAVENNER**, Corvallis Oregon

■ I work with Greens all the time, and with members of the Reform and Constitution Parties. Maryland has among the nation's worst ballot access laws, so the rule around here has always been that whatever our policy differences, we're all in the same boat on ballot access. None of us is strong enough to change these laws alone, but together we have made significant progress.

— **DOUGLAS E. MCNEIL**, Baltimore, Maryland

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■ Having been a Green, I would like to suggest we work on the Greens (not with them) the way my neighbor, a Libertarian, worked on me. He knew I had good intentions, but was ill-informed. The Greens, God love them, are misguided but passionate control freaks who, given some information, would come to the Libertarian way of thinking.

— CHRISTINE TAYLOR, Durham, North Carolina

■ The "watermelons" — green on the outside, pink on the inside — are the arch enemy of liberty. If their socialist agenda which attracts youth and their passion is what our party needs, then perhaps we could recruit al-Qaeda members and skinheads. These two groups seem to appeal to passionate youth with socialist leanings.

— DAVID WARD, Charleston, South Carolina

■ Kindergarten 101: It's OK to work with others even when you don't always agree.

— ARTHUR T. HAYNES, Haddonfield, New Jersey

■ The same question applies with equal force to collaboration with Republicans. The answer in both cases is yes: Make friends and work with other groups on single issues. Not only will we advance liberty; a reputation for being friendly would do wonders for our image.

— MICHAEL ACREE, San Francisco, California

■ The Libertarian Party should not cooperate with the Green Party for the same reason we don't cooperate with Communists or Nazis. Simple rebellion to the status quo is not Libertarian philosophy!

— JEFF MENDENHALL, Edwardsburg, Michigan

■ The Libertarian Party should work with the Green Party because we both have a goal of helping the people, and they often attract the young people needed to ensure change into the future.

— DUANE GRINDSTAFF, Kent, Washington

Jan. Question: Fighting the War?

As this issue of *LP News* goes to press, President George W. Bush just delivered a prime-time speech, explaining why the U.S. "must" launch a preemptive attack on Iraq. While it's impossible to predict how such a war might play out, it's easy to imagine the worst-case scenario: Thousands of American soldiers killed. Tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians slaughtered. Saddam Hussein, with nothing to lose, launching chemical or biological weapons. An expensive, ongoing "nation-building" mission in a defeated Iraq. Millions of Arabs united in hatred of the U.S. More suicide terrorist attacks on America. And, the U.S. tagged with a reputation as an "arrogant" out-of-control superpower. Arguably, Libertarians have an obligation to try to avert this potential tragedy. But what can we do? Should the party be content to issue statements opposing the war? Should the LP organize a lobbying effort aimed at Congress? Should we engage in civil disobedience of some kind? Join the anti-war Left in street protests? What?

■ QUESTION: What should the Libertarian Party do to show opposition to — or try to stop — the planned war in Iraq? (Please keep answers to 100 words or less.)

■ DEADLINE: December 8, 2002

Dec. Question: Falling membership?

The numbers are grim. Over the past two years, the number of dues-paying Libertarian Party members has fallen by about 28% (or by about 9,000 members). What's the cause of this meltdown? Theories vary widely. Some suggest it's just natural post-presidential year attrition, coupled with a lack of vigorous outreach efforts. Others blame the September 11 attacks. "Terrorist Theory A" says people quit because the LP was too pacifistic in its response (and parroted the Left's unpopular "Blame America" line). "Terrorist Theory B" says people quit because the LP was too militaristic in its response (and drifted away from its popular non-foreign interventionist stance). Some suggest the LP is too "radical" in general; others suggest the LP needs to stress its principles more. Some say we're targeting the wrong potential supporters. Others say we're targeting the right prospects, but the wrong way. And, finally, others say members aren't important, and we shouldn't worry about the decline. What do you think?

■ QUESTION: Why is Libertarian Party membership falling? And what should be done about it? (Please keep answers to 100 words.)

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ingly disenchanted with the party for a few reasons, the main one being the quality of candidates who run under the LP banner.

Your article on the Colorado LP Senate candidate, Rick Stanley, exemplifies why I have these sentiments. [News Briefs, September 2002].

I'm not so much dismayed that Mr. Stanley violated a gun law (it's a stupid law to begin with), but that he chose to defend himself with the "sovereign citizen" theory. Anyone who is so ignorant and gullible to believe such nonsense as the "sovereign citizen" theory (or the theory that the 16th Amendment wasn't properly ratified or any such theories which are so popular in the anti-government circuit) should not be representing the LP in any capacity.

On these pages month after month I see the question asked over and over again: Why Libertarians can't get elected to any political office of significance? The fact is that many of the LP's candidates are embarrassing and don't deserve to be elected.

— MARC KILMER
Blanchard, Idaho

■ Candidate quality?

The story of Rick Stanley and his "sovereign defense" should not be dismissed without merit.

The arguments of Mr. Stanley in his defense, I would not be able to refute. As long as he did not threaten or harm anyone with his firearm, the judge should have upheld his Second Amendment rights. This would be common law.

The courts, however, do not operate under this today. They operate under the venue of statutory law, due to the incorporation of the state (and the federal government). This is why you cannot get a fair trial today.

How is it that many good people are in prison today on nonviolent drug and firearms "crimes"? Without ever having a victim produced by the courts? And when every valid Constitutional argument in their defense is ignored?

I have studied this. These admiralty and statutory courts do not have to recognize the Constitution, as it is not within their jurisdiction. How else can this be explained?

— RICHARD BRADLEY DEITKE
Brook Park, Ohio

■ Misguided missiles

I am glad to see that the Libertarian Party has adopted a military policy that emphasizes the need to abolish nuclear weapons.

However, I am concerned that the

LP may support the notion of a national missile defense system, as part of a suggested "policy of developing cost-effective defensive systems" regarding which the party will "oppose any future agreement which would prevent defensive systems on U.S. territory or in Earth orbit."

It is an oversimplification to state that a national missile defense system is infeasible. It is more to the point to illustrate that such a system is a big-government farce and fraud.

Given the vast amount of taxpayer money that is wasted on the wild goose chase of a workable missile defense system, I would expect the LP to sharply condemn such fraud, rather than implying support.

— DONALD C. WHITMORE
Auburn, Washington

■ High-profile races

Some Libertarians bemoan the LP strategy of running candidates for high-profile races that we can't win. But this is exactly what the Socialist Party did in the U.S.

The Socialist Party never elected any statewide candidate. The best it ever did was one U.S. House seat from New York and another from Milwaukee, although never at the same time.

But because the Socialist Party was considered to be the "idealist" party of the time — as opposed to the major parties, which were mostly just interested in their own power — the notion got around that socialist ideas were the ideas of thoughtful, unselfish people.

And because there was no free-market party out there doing the same thing the socialists were doing, society came to accept the idea that movement toward socialism was beneficial. Of course this took many decades.

The Libertarian Party has been having the same effect on society. It's just gradual and difficult to notice, especially for young people. I am 59. When I was in college, there was almost no "idealist" voice spreading the idea that taxation is theft. There was no "idealist" group against drug prohibition. There were peace idealists but they were all assumed to be collectivists.

It's precisely because people don't expect our candidates to win, that we have influence. Our candidates aren't in it for the power or the money or the perks or the fame. And everyone knows it. So, people assume, we're in it because we are convinced that we are right.

And it's the high-profile offices that are most effective for this strategy, because we do win the little county, municipal, and school posts some of the time. I'm not denigrating winning those offices at all, but the main business of the party is spreading ideas, and the big major policy-setting offices like president, governor and congress are best for those.

— RICHARD WINGER
San Francisco, California

■ Saddam rhetoric

Somehow all the rhetoric about having to eliminate Saddam Hussein leaves me with a very unsettled feeling. Why would we want to do that?

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I am told that he is trying to acquire weapons of mass destruction—chemical, biological, and perhaps nuclear. Nothing new; this is a charge that has been hurled since the Gulf War — maybe he is just slow? Also, he is an evil man, and a threat to us or somebody.

Perhaps, but for the last 10 or more years, enforcing the “no-fly zones,” we have attacked his radar, anti-aircraft, and military installations (interspersed with Tomahawk attacks). In all of this time, as far as I can ascertain, he has not been able to shoot down a single plane, or even put a hole in one.

It is true that they did claim to have shot down a drone, but our high command says no, it was just a mechanical failure. (Maybe the Iraqis are incompetent as well as slow?)

My question: What kind of menace is this Saddam guy, anyway?

I do suspect, given the Gulf War, the aforementioned attacks, and the embargoes, we are probably high on his dislike list. But then I kind of guess we are not all that popular around the world, anyway.

From all of this, I can only guess that if we attack it will be like shooting fish in a barrel. What are we trying to do?

— DAVID J. WHITE
Ridgecrest, California

Execute Saddam

Libertarians who accept death penalties and hold heads of state to be responsible individuals can make a case for the execution of Saddam Hussein.

Saddam has no more right to murder people or seize property using Iraq than using a rock, right? Well, he started an unjustified war with Iran. That's murder. He seized and occupied Kuwait. If anyone got killed, that's murder. He tried to hold his booty by force, and people got killed evicting him. That's murder. He lobbed a few Scuds at Israel. If anyone got killed, that's murder. From time to time he shoots at a US plane, right? Attempted murder. I imagine he has also murdered Iraqis.

Now Saddam has a right to speak in his own defense — “I didn't do it; it was the right thing to do; it was a reasonable mistake to make based on what I knew at the time...” or whatever.

So there is a case for Saddam's execution: He has initiated aggression in which people have been killed.

Given that he has more than once used his armed forces against countries that were at peace with him, and given that he seems to be seeking weapons of mass destruction, there's something of a case for killing him in self-defense.

He underrated Iran, and he underrated the friends of Kuwait; he might think he could tackle the U.S. with the right weapons.

— ANDREW LOHR
Chattanooga, Tennessee

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ring. George W. Bush versus Saddam Hussein.

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— BENJAMIN GREENBERG
Burton, Ohio

The vision thing

I really like the party's “New Vision” pamphlet, but there are a couple of things that I think should be redone when it comes time for a new edition.

1. It makes no sense to promise people a 100% tax rebate (for char-

ity, etc.) when we're also promising to get rid of the income tax completely, unless we tell them that the rebate is a stopgap measure until we can get the votes to dump the IRS.

2. The foreign policy statement needs to be rethought. The second paragraph implies that if we would stop helping Israel and pushing for an Israeli-Arab peace agreement, for example, everything would be peachy keen. Do we really believe that?

Furthermore, at the end, we claim that, “Nations that trade with each other rarely go to war...” I know that sounds nice, but is it really so? How

would you prove it? Can you think of an instance when we would have gone to war but trade stopped us?

On the other hand, we've fought lots of countries (Great Britain, for one) with which we were trading.

Trade doesn't even stop terrorism. Osama's vast fortune came from trade in oil, but it doesn't seem to have kept him from hating us.

I'm all for free trade, and I think we should promote it with all our might, but we just sound silly claiming too much for it.

— RICHARD CRAWFORD
Roy, Washington

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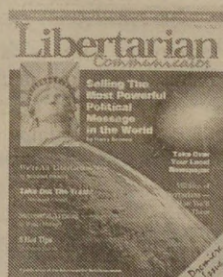
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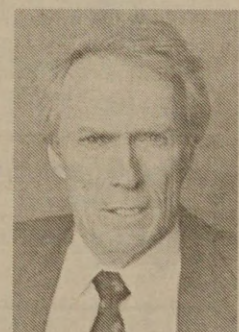


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lots to have a chance to win the election. Had this been the case in 2000, only seven candidates would have qualified — hardly an unmanageable number.

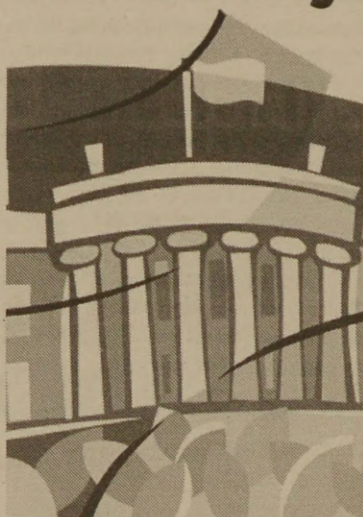
■ **End campaign subsidies.** Did you know that in the last presidential election, Republican candidate George W. Bush and Democratic candidate Al Gore each received \$67.6 million in tax money for their general election campaigns?

Not only that, but Americans also paid for the nominating conventions, the primary campaigns, and other candidates' campaigns, including Pat Buchanan of the Reform Party, who received \$12.6 million.

The government shouldn't be doling out money to political parties or candidates. It's difficult enough for third parties and independents to compete with the two major parties; they shouldn't also have to run against tax-subsidized opponents.

■ **Reform ballot access laws.** Each state sets its own ballot access rules, which generally require non-major party candidates to gather signatures in order to be listed on the ballot. In many states, these laws are oppressive and should be changed.

For example, in Oklahoma it costs about \$100,000 to pay petitioners to gather the tens of thousands of sig-



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natures needed to qualify a candidate for the ballot. Or, it takes thousands of hours of volunteer time. Such re-

quirements drain money, time, and energy from alternative uses.

Instead of signature requirements, each state should allow any candidate who has been nominated at a state party's convention to be listed on the ballot, along with his or her party's designation.

Sound too simple to be implemented? Actually, such a standard was adopted in Colorado in 1998. The state now has perhaps the most competitive electoral atmosphere of any state, with 10 recognized political parties.

■ **Change the electoral system.** The winner-take-all political system of the United States has resulted in a loser-for-most system for citizens. That is, a vast majority of Americans aren't represented by a politician they support.

According to the Center for Voting and Democracy, less than one-third of eligible voters actually cast a vote for their current representative in the U.S. House. In fact, since only about half of all citizens vote, and since it takes only 51% of that trivial turn-out to win, many politicians go to Washington with the support of less than 25% of eligible voters.

One solution is a proportional representation (PR) system. The most common type of PR system is the "list," whereby voters cast votes for

a political party slate. The percent a party earns in the popular vote determines the percentage of seats that party receives in the legislature.

Not only does PR ensure a more broadly representative legislative body, it also puts an end to the gerrymandering that occurs so often in state legislatures — whereby the dominant party draws the districts in a way that gives it the greatest advantage.

On the other hand, even single-winner elections could be improved with an instant runoff voting system. With this method, voters rank candidates by preference. If the most popular candidate does not gain over 50% of the vote, the bottom candidate is dropped, the votes for that candidate are transferred to the next candidate on the list, and the votes are counted again.

The instant runoff method assures that the least disliked candidate is elected. Moreover, it eliminates the dreaded wasted vote syndrome, in which voters are tempted to cast their votes for the "lesser of two evils."

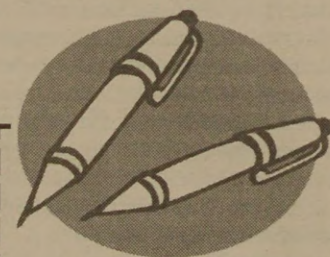
At the 2002 national LP convention in July, delegates voted to add support for alternative election meth-

ods to the party Platform. Turning that Platform plank into law would go a long way to making the electoral system more diverse.

Free-market system

Libertarians champion the free-market system in the business world. Why should the realm of politics be any different?

Of course, defenders of the status quo will oppose any attempt to open up the democratic system to other voices. But voters have made it clear they want more choices. After all, even a fan of Jay Leno or David Letterman checks out Ted Koppel on *Nightline* once in a while.



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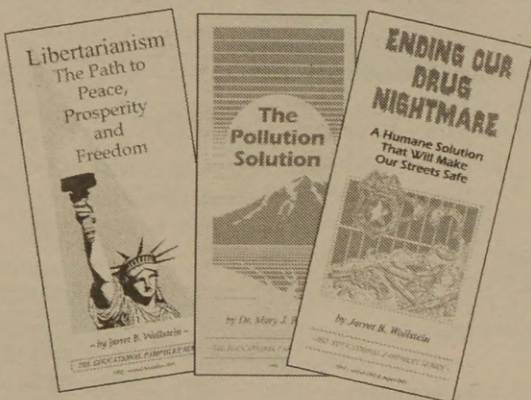
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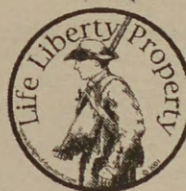
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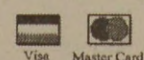
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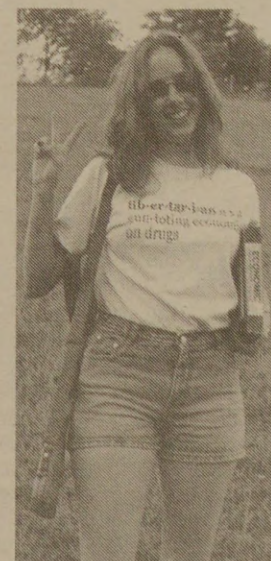
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October 25, 2002

The Liberty Banquet, the New York Hilton Hotel, New York, NY. Sponsored by the Foundation for Economic Education. Speakers include Rudy Giuliani (former mayor, New York City) and John Stossel (ABC News). For information, call: (800) 960-4FEE ext. 209.

November 7-10, 2002

Cato University Seminar, Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego, California. Sponsored by the Cato Institute. Topic: "Arguments for Liberty: How to Defend Individual Rights and Limited Government." Speakers include Darcy Olsen (executive director, Goldwater Institute), Donald Boudreaux (George Mason University), Stephen Cox (professor of literature, University of California, San Diego), and William Saletan (Slate.com). For information, visit: www.cato-university.org. Or call: (202) 789-5229.

November 8-10, 2002

Marijuana Policy Project's National Conference (co-hosted by Students for Sensible Drug Policy), Anaheim, California. Speakers include Bill Maher (former host, *Politically Incorrect*). For information, visit: www.mpp.org/conference.

November 9, 2002

Seventh Annual "Defender of Liberty" Awards Banquet, Mac & Ray's Restaurant, Harrison Township, Michigan. Hosted by the Macomb County LP. Speakers include Wendy McElroy (columnist, ifeminist.com). For information, call (586) 777-7468. Or e-mail: keithmarni@aol.com.

November 9-10, 2002

Libertarian International Fall Convention, The National Liberal Club (Whitehall Place), London, England. Speakers include: Professor Norman

Barry (author, *Classical Liberalism in an Age of Post-Communism*), Dr. Eamon Butler (director, Adam Smith Institute), Dr. Stefan Blankwertz (author, *Towards A Libertarian Theory of Fascism*), Dr. Sean Gabb (editor, the Libertarian Alliance's *Free Life*), Hubert Jongen (chairman, Libertarian International), Professor John Burton (author, *Picking Losers: The Political Economy of Industrial Policy*), Richard Miniter (senior fellow, the Centre for the New Europe), Francois-Rene Rideau (coordinator, the TUNES Project), and Professor Antony Flew (author, *The Philosophy of Poverty*). For information, visit: www.libertarian.to or www.libertarian.co.uk.

December 1-4, 2002

Fourth National Harm Reduction Conference: "Taking Drug Users Seriously," sponsored by the Harm Reduction Coalition, Seattle, Washington. Speakers include Dr. Joycelyn Elders (former U.S. Surgeon General). For information, e-mail: conference@harmreduction.org. Or visit www.harmreduction.org. Or call (212) 213-6376.

February 15-17, 2003

California LP Convention, Ontario Marriott, Ontario. Speakers TBA. For information, e-mail: convention@ca.lp.org. Or visit: www.ca.lp.org/conv/2003/.

February 22, 2003

Oklahoma LP Convention, Oklahoma City. Exact location TBA. Speakers include Dr. Mary Ruwart (author, *Healing Our World*). For information, visit: www.oklp.com. Or e-mail: RogueOkie@aol.com.

April 5, 2003

Michigan LP Convention, Eagle Crest Conference Center & Resort, Ypsilanti. Speakers TBA. For information, e-mail Emily Salvette at: salvette@ameritech.net. Or call: (734) 668-2607.

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